

**Wales & Herefordshire**  
**ORDO**  
**2025**  
*with complete notes*

**THE ORDER TO BE OBSERVED FOR THE  
CELEBRATION OF MASS AND THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS  
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA AND THE DIOCESE OF WREXHAM,  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2025**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Cardiff, Menevia and Wrexham Calendar combines the Universal Calendar of the Latin Rite with the Welsh National Calendar as it appears in the 2011 edition of the Roman Missal, together with certain celebrations peculiar to each diocese, *e.g.* the dedication of the Cathedral Church. In addition, regional adjustments have been made for the county of Herefordshire in accord with the Proper Calendar for England incorporated in the same edition of the Roman Missal.

The new translation of the Lectionary comes into use at the start of Advent 2024, and its use is mandatory. Since it will take some time for musicians to compose new settings to the revised psalms, the use of psalm texts from the previous lectionary, when sung, is permitted up until the start of Advent 2027. The new lectionary comes in 4 volumes. Volume I contains all material for Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts of the Lord. Volume II contains all material for weekdays from the start of Advent until the end of Eastertide, along with proper readings for saints up to 11 June. Volume III contains all the weekday readings for the remainder of Ordinary Time after Pentecost, with the proper readings for saints from 12 May to 30 November. On Weekdays of Ordinary Time, the texts will be laid out with the Cycle I first reading, then the Cycle II first reading, then the Gospel - so lay readers will need to be conscious of which weekday cycle applies (in 2025, Cycle I).

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### DEDICATIONS AND TITULAR FEASTS OF CHURCHES

This Order does not contain any indication of the Anniversary of Dedication or of the Titular Feast of individual churches. (The Dedication applies only to consecrated Churches.) Parish priests are therefore advised to annotate their own copies of the Order concerning these feasts at the start of the year.

Note that where the church is known to have been consecrated but the date is not recorded, the Dedication Festival may be kept on 25 October or on the Sunday before All Saints' Day (*i.e.* the Sunday which falls on 23-29 October, allowing for the occasional transfer of All Saints' Day to Sunday 30 October.) The choice of date should be made once and fixed permanently for its parish community.

Both the Dedication and the Titular feast are celebrated as solemnities, *i.e.* with Evening Prayer I, Gloria, Creed, and *Te Deum*. They are celebrated on the normal days unless these happen to fall in Holy Week or Easter Week, or on Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day or Pentecost Sunday, Sundays of Advent, Lent or Eastertide, or on any other solemnity. In such cases they may be transferred to the next free day (or to the previous Saturday if the clash occurs on a Sunday). If it is considered pastorally beneficial, the Mass of the Dedication or Titular may be used at all public Masses on the following Sunday, but only during the period of Ordinary Time. If the Titular of a particular Church no longer exists in the Roman Calendar, the same date may be observed as hitherto.

### HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION

The Holydays of Obligation for England and Wales are: every Sunday, Christmas Day, the Epiphany of the Lord (6 January), the Ascension of the Lord, St Peter & St Paul (29 June), the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August), and All Saints (1 November). With the exception of Christmas Day, any Holyday of Obligation falling on either a Saturday or a Monday is transferred to the Sunday. Since Advent 2006, one Solemnity has been permanently transferred to Sunday, namely, that of the Body and Blood of the Lord (*Corpus Christi*).

### THE *TE DEUM*

The *Te Deum* is sung or said at the Office of Readings on Sundays outside of Lent, during the Octaves of Easter and Christmas, and on Solemnities and Feasts.

### ALTERNATIVE CALENDARS

Where Mass is celebrated in the Extraordinary Form according to the provisions of *Summorum Pontificum*, a different calendar applies: this may be found on the website of the Latin Mass Society of England and Wales. See:

**[www.lms.org.uk/mass-listings](http://www.lms.org.uk/mass-listings)**

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales submitted a *dubium* to the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei* which confirmed that in the Roman Rite, whichever Form of the liturgy is being celebrated, the Holydays of Obligation are held in common, on the date prescribed for the Ordinary Form. Where the obligation has been removed and the Holyday transferred to the Sunday, this is to be followed in both Ordinary and Extraordinary celebrations of Mass. A further *dubium* submitted by the Latin Mass Society (*N107/97 20 October 2008*) clarified that where the Extraordinary Form is being followed, it is proper to also celebrate the Mass and Divine Office of these solemnities on the traditional dates indicated in the 1962 calendar, though there would be no obligation on the faithful to attend Mass on such days.

Celebrations proper to the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham – the canonical structure under which former Anglicans can worship as Catholics while retaining their distinctive patrimony – follow the Calendar and Ordo available via their website at: [www.ordinariate.org.uk/resources/liturgical-documents.php](http://www.ordinariate.org.uk/resources/liturgical-documents.php) Members of Religious Orders, or of Eastern Rite Churches, should consult their local superiors or clergy concerning their proper calendars.

#### **PROPER MATERIAL FOR WALES**

In 1974, the Roman Missal and Divine Office published in that year reflected the Calendar for Wales issued by the Bishops of Wales in 1973. In 1981, the *Proper for Wales* was published with the Imprimatur of Archbishop Murphy and the authority of the Holy See, Protocol CD 607/77 for the Divine Office Proper and CD 984/80 for the Mass Proper.

The new English Translation of the Roman Missal published in 2011 was granted *recognitio* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, for the dioceses of England and Wales (Prot. N. 915/06/L) on 28 March 2010. The proper calendar, texts, and adaptations for the dioceses of England and Wales were confirmed by the Apostolic See by decrees of the same Congregation on 7 January 2011 (Prot. N. 915/06/L), 9 January 2011, (Prot. N. 1035/10/L), and 11 January 2011 (Prot. N. 1036/10/L). Blessed John Henry Newman was subsequently added to the Calendar for Wales (Prot. n. 342/12/L, 8 June 2012), and his observance in England & Wales was raised to the rank of a Feast in 2019 following his canonization. In 2013, the Holy See granted permission for Wales and England to keep the celebration of the then-Blessed (now Saint) John Paul II as an Optional Memorial on 22 October. The current official Calendar for Wales is therefore given by the prescriptions of the 2011 Missal, with the subsequent addition of St John Paul II, and can be found on the Liturgy Office website:

**[www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/National/Wales1.shtml](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/National/Wales1.shtml)**

All the Proper Material for Mass will now be found in the 2011 edition of the Roman Missal, except for subsequent additions; national celebrations are included in the Proper of Saints as part of the natural sequence of dates.

The Proper Material for the Divine Office in Wales (1981 edition) may be obtained on request by email from Rev. Dr Gareth Leyshon ([leyshon.gareth@rcadc.org](mailto:leyshon.gareth@rcadc.org)). Note that the liturgical books for the Divine Office currently in print may indicate that some days in the Calendar for Wales are Obligatory Memorials when in fact they are now all optional.

Older books also indicate that 4 May is the Feast of the Beatified Martyrs of England and Wales. In the current calendar for England, the Feast of the Forty Martyrs on 25 October has been suppressed in favour of a combined celebration of the English Martyrs on 4 May, chosen because it marks the first Reformation martyrdom (three Carthusians at Tyburn in 1535). In Wales, however, 25 October remains the Feast of the “Six Welsh Martyrs and Their Companions”; omission of 4 May from the calendar for Wales in the 2011 Missal indicates that this date is no longer a Feast or even a Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs. If a votive celebration is to be offered in honour of the Beatified Martyrs, proper material can be found at Daily Prayer 319\*, Divine Office Volume II 204\*, Lectionary II 1332 and *Book of Gospels* 365.

*Among the 85 martyrs beatified in 1987, the following have connections with Wales and Herefordshire:*

Nicholas Wheeler, a seminary priest from Herefordshire, was executed at Tyburn 21 January 1586, aged 36.

Richard Flower (or Lloyd), a Welsh layman, aged 22, was executed at Tyburn, 30 August 1588.

Humphrey Pritchard, a Welsh serving man, was arrested with Blessed Thomas Belson in Oxford, and executed there on 5 July 1589.

William Davies (born in North Wales, probably Croes yn Eirias, Denbighshire, date uncertain; executed at Beaumaris Castle, 27 July 1593) was a Welsh Roman Catholic priest. There is a chapel in Anglesey built as a memorial to him.

Charles Mahoney (Mahony; alias Meehan) born after 1639, executed at Ruthin, Denbighshire, 12 August 1679, was an Irish Franciscan.

Roger Cadwallador, born at Stretton Sugwas, near Hereford, in 1568, executed at Leominster, 27 August 1610, was an English Roman Catholic priest.

In addition, Blessed Philip Powell, a native of Breconshire, was martyred at Tyburn 30 June 1646; he was beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929.

### **THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY**

Optional memorials and votive celebrations of saints may be kept on the weekdays of Ordinary Time, on weekdays of Advent before December 17th, on weekdays of the Christmas season from January 2nd onwards, and weekdays of the Easter season. On such days, even when there is an optional Memorial, a priest may celebrate either the Mass of the weekday or that of any Saint inscribed that day in the Roman Martyrology (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* 316b,c). The same holds, analogously, for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours (cf. *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, 244). It is perfectly legitimate, therefore, in such circumstances, to celebrate in honour of a Saint found in neither the General Calendar nor in a proper calendar. Obviously, such cases call for the exercise of pastoral good sense on the part of the celebrant. Mention is made in this year's calendar of a selection of saints and beati local to Wales or Herefordshire who are listed in the 2004 edition of the *Roman Martyrology*.

### **NUPTIAL MASSES**

Whenever marriage is celebrated within Mass, the Ritual Mass for Marriage is used, along with white vestments. If, however, such a Mass is celebrated on a Sunday or Solemnity, the Mass of the day is used with its own proper readings, plus the nuptial blessing and if appropriate, the final blessing of the wedding Mass. (On Sundays during Ordinary Time, the Ritual Mass for Marriage may nevertheless be used, if the timing does not coincide with a scheduled Mass for the parish community.)

Since the Liturgy of the Word is of great importance in the celebration of marriage, in cases where the Ritual Mass for Marriage is not used, one of the readings may be taken from among those provided for the celebration of marriage. If marriage is celebrated on a day of penitential character, especially within Lent, the parish priest should advise that account be taken of that character. The celebration of marriage on Good Friday or on the following day, Holy Saturday, is absolutely forbidden.

### **MASSES FOR THE DEAD**

First place among Masses for the Dead is held by the funeral Mass, which may be celebrated on any day except on Holydays of Obligation, on Maundy Thursday, during the Paschal Triduum, or on the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Eastertide. It is appropriate that the paschal candle be placed, lit, near the place where the coffin will rest.

If the Mass is combined directly with the other funeral rites, once the prayer after communion has been said, omitting the concluding rites of Mass, the rite of final commendation and farewell is carried out. This is not to be done unless the body is actually present.

On reception of news of a death, on the occasion of a final burial, or on the first anniversary, a Mass for the Dead may be used even on days within the Christmas Octave, and on an obligatory memorial, or on other weekdays, other than on Ash Wednesday or within Holy Week. Daily Masses of the Dead, unless some real need of the faithful dictates otherwise, are permitted only on weekdays in Ordinary Time, and on optional memorials or days when the weekday Office is used, provided too that the Mass is actually said for the dead.

### **MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (*MISSA PRO POPULO*)**

A parish priest is bound on each Sunday and on each Holyday of Obligation to offer one Mass for the people entrusted to him. If he is lawfully impeded in this, he should have someone else celebrate Mass for the people on these days or else celebrate it himself on other days.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS**

*The choice among the Eucharistic Prayers found in the Order of Mass is suitably guided by the following norms:*

Eucharistic Prayer I, that is, the Roman Canon, which may always be used, is especially suited to be sung or said on days when there is a proper text for the *Communicantes* (*In union with the whole Church*) or in Masses endowed with a proper form of the *Hanc igitur* (*Father, accept this offering*) and also in the celebrations of the Apostles and of the Saints mentioned in the Prayer itself; it is likewise especially appropriate for Sundays, unless for pastoral considerations Eucharistic Prayer III is preferred.

Eucharistic Prayer II, on account of its particular features, is more appropriately used on weekdays or in special circumstances. Although it has been provided with its own Preface, it may also be used with other Prefaces, especially those that summarise the mystery of salvation, such as the common Prefaces. When Mass is celebrated for a particular dead person, the special formula may be inserted in the place indicated.

Eucharistic Prayer III may be said with any Preface. Its use is preferred on Sundays and feast days. If, however, this Eucharistic Prayer is used in Masses for the Dead, the special formula for the dead may be used, to be included at the proper place.

Eucharistic Prayer IV has an invariable Preface and gives a fuller summary of salvation history. It may be used when a Mass has no Preface of its own and is particularly appropriate for Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because of its structure, no special formula for the dead may be inserted into this prayer.

On 1 May 2013, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments decreed that the name of St Joseph should be inserted into Eucharistic Prayers II, III & IV. For further information and for a "bookmark" containing the amended passages, see: [tinyurl.com/JoeTexts](http://tinyurl.com/JoeTexts)

The four forms of the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions may be used only with the formularies of the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, which do not have their own proper preface. Each of the four formulations has its own integral preface, and may not be used with any other preface. These Eucharistic Prayers are ideally suited for use in the Cycle of Prayer, outlined below.

The two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation each contain their own preface, but it is permitted to use these prayers with any other preface which speaks of penance or reconciliation. These prayers may therefore be used at any time during Lent with suitable Lenten Prefaces, and also, with their integral prefaces, during the weekdays of the first four weeks of Lent; they may also be used on penitential occasions at other times of year.

There also exist three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, which may only be used at Masses when children constitute a significant proportion of the assembly, and a Eucharistic Prayer for Deaf People which may only be used by a celebrant who can sign, and when a significant number of Deaf people are present.

### **MASS AND COMMUNION**

It is highly appropriate that the faithful receive the Body of the Lord by means of hosts consecrated at that same Mass and that on the occasions laid down they also communicate from the chalice, so that through such signs Holy Communion may more clearly be seen to be a sharing in the sacrifice being celebrated. The faithful who have already received the Blessed Eucharist once, may also receive it again on the same day, that is to say for no more than a second time on that same day, in the course of a further Eucharistic celebration in which they take part (*cf. Code of Canon Law* 917 and the authoritative interpretation of the same promulgated on 26 June 1984).

In Wales and in England, broad permission was extended in 1985 for communion under both kinds (Briefing, 1985, volume 15, page 190). Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bishops' Conference ruled that the chalice should not be offered to the congregation, and that concelebrating priests should communicate by intinction. Subsequently, as civic restrictions were eased there was a discussion at the Standing Committee of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, regarding the permissive reintroduction of Holy Communion under both kinds. This

was to take effect from Holy Thursday 2023. The Standing Committee made the following points:

The reintroduction of Holy Communion under both kinds is permissive, not obligatory and the permission is given by the Diocesan Bishop as the moderator of the liturgy in his diocese.

The Church's defined Theology of the Eucharist states: Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But "the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly." This is the usual form of receiving communion in the Eastern rites. (Catechism 1390)

If communion is offered to the faithful under both kinds, the instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum* states: The Priest, once he has returned to the altar after the distribution of Communion, standing at the altar or at the credence table, purifies the paten or ciborium over the chalice, then purifies the chalice in accordance with the prescriptions of the Missal and wipes the chalice with the purificator. Where a Deacon is present, he returns with the Priest to the altar and purifies the vessels. It is permissible, however, especially if there are several vessels to be purified, to leave them, covered as may be appropriate, on a corporal on the altar or on the credence table, and for them to be purified by the Priest or Deacon immediately after Mass once the people have been dismissed. Moreover a duly instituted acolyte assists the Priest or Deacon in purifying and arranging the sacred vessels either at the altar or the credence table. In the absence of a Deacon, a duly instituted acolyte carries the sacred vessels to the credence table and there purifies, wipes and arranges them in the usual way. (#119). This task may not be delegated to an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Priests have asked whether Holy Communion can be distributed by intinction. The bishops discussed this and decided to affirm the teaching in *Celebrating the Mass* (2005, #211) which states that this form of the reception of Holy Communion "is not recommended in England and Wales." Communicants are not permitted to receive Holy Communion by "self-intinction" where having received the Sacred Host in the hand, they proceed to the Precious Blood and "dip" the host themselves into the chalice. This is taught clearly in the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (#287).

Should a priest, because of his own health conditions, feel vulnerable in purifying the chalice after the people have received, and this cannot be delegated to a deacon or an instituted acolyte, he should speak with his bishop regarding the reintroduction of Holy Communion under both kinds in his parish.

### **EASTER DUTY**

Once admitted to the blessed Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during paschal time (*i.e.* between Palm Sunday and Pentecost Sunday), unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

### **EUCCHARISTIC FAST**

A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine. A priest who celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist two or three times on the same day can take something before the second or third celebration even if there is less than one hour between them. The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour; the former discipline of requiring a quarter-hour fast no longer applies. (*Code of Canon Law* 919)

### **THE CYCLE OF PRAYER**

In 1996, the Bishops of England and Wales set out a Cycle of Prayer, allocating particular intentions to each of six divisions of the year. Each individual intention might be remembered frequently – by individuals, parishes, and other groups – throughout its allocated season, but also has its particular focal point, *i.e.* a particular Day of Prayer ordered by the Holy See or by the Bishops of England & Wales. Over time, additional intentions, such as 'Victims of Human Trafficking' and 'Survivors of Abuse', have been added to the established cycle.

The Cycle is based on a division of the year into six periods, three of these being the principal liturgical seasons of Advent-with-Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The other three periods are divisions of Ordinary Time, namely Winter, Summer and Autumn. On the Day of Special Prayer itself, and especially on Sundays, it is appropriate to announce the Day of Special Prayer in the opening remarks at the beginning of Mass, and to make special mention in the Prayer of the Faithful. Care should be taken that the remaining petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful should be formulated in accordance with the norms given in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) 69-71. When a Day of Prayer or other observance falls on a Sunday, the Mass and Lectionary texts of the Sunday are normally used.

On weekdays the use of suitable 'Masses for Various Needs and Occasions' or 'Votive Masses' should be considered to support the marking of the Day of Prayer (GIRM 373-378). The readings assigned for each day in the Lectionary for weekdays should not be omitted too frequently and without sufficient reason. It is often more fruitful to explore any special intentions through the readings assigned to the day, than to choose from the Common those which may appear at first sight more appropriate to the intention. For more information, see the Liturgy Office website: [tinyurl.com/PrayerCycle](http://tinyurl.com/PrayerCycle)

### **GUIDE TO USING THE ORDER**

*In the calendar which follows:* + indicates a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**.

Entries under the rubric *EVENING* prescribe both the Liturgy of the Hours to be celebrated for Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, and also the Mass to be used if Mass is celebrated later than Evening Prayer.

It is assumed that the user is familiar with the main cycles in the liturgical books: Ordinary Sundays; Ordinary Weekdays; the Seasons of Advent, Christmastide, Lent and Eastertide; the Proper of Saints from January to December. Page numbers are given in this Order only when material is found outside these main cycles, such as the Solemnities of the Lord in Ordinary Time, or the National



Proper for the Divine Office. This Order is meant to be used in conjunction with the liturgical books, and in general, rubrics printed clearly alongside the texts in the Roman Missal and Divine Office will not be duplicated here.

The *Gloria* is always said on weekdays designated **FEAST**; this is not explicitly mentioned in the calendar below, but every Sunday and Solemnity will be annotated with explicit mention of the *Gloria* (when required) and Creed. Where page numbers are given, **M&EP** indicates *Morning and Evening Prayer* (not to be confused with the abridged *Shorter Morning and Evening Prayer*); **DP** indicates *Daily Prayer* (the volume which includes Prayer During the Day); and **DO-I**, **DO-II** and **DO-III** the three volume set of *The Divine Office*. Note that some volumes include three sequences of page numbering – one plain, another marked by an asterisk (\*) and the third by square brackets [ ]. **RM** indicates the current edition of the Roman Missal, internally indicated as the 2010 edition though actually published in 2011. **BG** is the *Book of Gospels*. Reference is also made to the *Book of Blessings*: page numbers are in the USA edition, which has been authorised for use by the Bishops of England and Wales in the absence of our own national version.

#### PRAYING THE DIVINE OFFICE

On days which are not marked as **FEASTS** or **SOLEMNITIES**, psalms for the Divine Office (also known as the Prayer of the Church or the Liturgy of the Hours) are wholly or mostly taken from the repeating cycle of the 4-week psalter. The current week is always indicated in the Order below, at the entry for Saturday evening, since a new week normally begins with the First Evening Prayer of Sunday. The psalms for Prayer During the Day are always those of the occurring weekday except where the Breviary or the Order explicitly indicates the contrary. Sometimes the “Complementary Psalms” will be specified: these can be found at DP [485], DO-I [592], DO-II [514] and DO-III [514].

#### CHOICE OF MASS AND OF PREFACE

Where more than one observance is offered, with the rubric “*or*”, the Celebrant may freely choose to celebrate the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours corresponding to any of the options presented. On such days, and on Weekdays of Ordinary Time, of Advent up to 16 December, of Christmastide and of Eastertide, the Celebrant may also choose to celebrate a Votive Mass of any Saint listed in the Roman Martyrology, or any Blessed proper to the place, or (if applicable) their religious order, or a Mass for Various Needs and Occasions. Whenever a Memorial is kept, all the proper material provided in the Roman Missal should be used. If there are no proper texts given for the Prayer over the Offerings and the Prayer After Communion, the prayer of the Season may be used, or an appropriate text from the Commons. Where a suggested reference is given to the Commons, it is permitted to choose other suitable material from the Commons, including mixing material from different Commons (for example, when a Martyr is also a Bishop or a Virgin); material from the Common of Holy Men and Women may always be used in such cases. During Advent, Christmastide and Eastertide, on days when Memorials may be celebrated, the celebrant may choose the Preface of the Season or the Preface appropriate to the Saint.

### LITURGICAL COLOURS

These are given in full, except:

“ROSE/P” indicates that on *Laetare* Sunday and *Gaudete* Sunday, rose or purple vestments may be used.

“P/BLACK” indicates that on All Souls’ Day, purple or black vestments may be used.

“W or G” indicates that on Votive Masses of Our Lady on Saturday, white or green vestments may be used.

### REMEMBRANCE OF DECEASED CLERGY

This Order includes, in italics, the names of those who died as clergy of one of the dioceses of Wales and Herefordshire, on the dates of their death. Bishops and Deacons are explicitly identified as such; entries not otherwise identified are of presbyters (priests). Anniversaries of presbyters and deacons will not be included in the Order beyond 25 years from the date of death, but these dates will still be available in the diocesan listings present in the Yearbook. The entries for Bishops continue to be included in the text *ad infinitum*.

### PENITENTIAL ACTS

#### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

All of Christ’s faithful are obliged to do penance. The obligation arises in imitation of Christ himself and in response to his call. During his life on earth, not least at the beginning of his public ministry, Our Lord undertook voluntary penance. He invited his followers to do the same. The penance he invited would be a participation in his own suffering, an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin. It would be a personal sacrifice made out of love for God and our neighbour. It follows that if we are to be true, as Christians, to the spirit of Christ, we must practise some form of penance.

Every Friday is set aside as a special day of penitence, as it is the day of the suffering and death of the Lord. In 2011, the Bishops of England and Wales decided that abstinence from meat on Fridays should be reintroduced according to Canon 1251. Under that canon, abstinence from meat applies on all Fridays except those which are solemnities. Those who cannot, or choose not to, eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake. This decision came into effect on 16 September 2011.

The Bishops of England and Wales believe it is important that all the faithful again be united in a common, identifiable act of Friday penance because they recognise that the virtue of penitence is best acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness. For this reason, all Catholics aged over 14 are to observe Friday penance by abstaining from meat and by uniting this to prayer. Those over 18 are bound by the law of fasting (which applies on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Priests and parents are urged to foster the spirit and practice of penance among those too young to be the subjects of either law.

In a Q&A document published at the time of reintroduction, the General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference noted that:

There is no requirement for us to eat fish instead of meat on a Friday. Our act of abstinence does not mean that we have to eat another particular type of food as the regular substitute for meat on a Friday.

If we are invited out for a meal on a Friday, then we should make the most of an opportunity to witness to our Catholic faith. If our friends and colleagues value us they will not be offended or upset if we tell them, ahead of time, that we do not eat meat on Fridays.

Our Bishops wish us to focus on the importance of observing penance as a regular and necessary part of our spiritual lives as a whole. If we make it our practice to do penance during the prescribed penitential days and seasons of the Church's year, then failure to abstain from meat on a particular Friday would not constitute a sin.

**The relevant texts from the *Code of Canon Law (1249-1253)* are as follows:**

**Can. 1249** All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence which the following canons prescribe.

**Can. 1250** The days and times of penance for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.

**Can. 1251** Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Can. 1252** The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.

**Can. 1253** The Episcopal Conference can determine more particular ways in which fasting and abstinence are to be observed. In place of abstinence or fasting it can substitute, in whole or in part, other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

**INDULGENCES**

The Catholic Faith teaches that while sacramental confession restores us to friendship with God, we may still need to be purified, after death, of the consequences of our sinful choices. This purification may be accomplished, at least in part, while still on earth, by our own prayers, fasting, and works of charity. When the Church declares a particular spiritual exercise to be **indulgenced**, it adds the prayers of the Church at large to our own personal prayer. In some cases, a plenary indulgence is offered – a promise that if we fulfil the conditions set down perfectly, the prayers of the Church will achieve our total purification. Such prayers

may be offered on behalf of the soul of a person who has already died, and (unless otherwise specified) may also be offered on their own behalf by the living person undertaking the indulgenced exercise.

A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day, except when a person is in danger of death. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: (i) have the interior disposition of *complete detachment from sin, even venial sin*; (ii) *have sacramentally confessed* their sins; (iii) *receive the Holy Eucharist on the day of the exercise* (preferably at Mass, but to fulfil the conditions only Holy Communion is required); and (iv) *pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff*. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an *Our Father* and a *Hail Mary* are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Pope's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence may also be gained twice a year in parish churches: on the feast day of the Church's Titular, and on 2nd August (*Portiuncula*).

It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be undertaken within about 20 days before or after the indulgenced act. In the year 2000 the Apostolic Penitentiary specified this window of about 20 days, in place of the earlier interpretation which allowed about 8 days before or following the indulgenced act (see *Gift of the Indulgence*, 5).

Although indulgences may always be applied to the dead, a plenary indulgence *applicable only to the dead* can be gained in all churches and public or semi-public oratories on 2nd November or on the following Sunday. The work prescribed, in addition to Confession and Holy Communion, is a visit to a church or oratory during which the *Our Father* and the *Creed* are said for the Pope's intentions. In addition, a plenary indulgence may also be gained on each day from 1st to 8th November, by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead.

### NOVEMBER 2024

***The Pope's Intention: For those who have lost a child.*** Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

### ADVENT 2024

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. The playing of the organ and other musical instruments, and the decoration of the altar with flowers, should be done in a moderate manner, as is consonant with the character of the season, without anticipating the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of matrimony. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs or a Votive Mass be celebrated. Daily Masses for the Dead are not allowed.

For the rite of blessing an Advent Wreath at Mass, Evening Prayer or a Liturgy of the Word, see page 573-582 of the *Book of Blessings*.

***The Cycle of Prayer:*** During Advent and Christmastide, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

## NOVEMBER 2024

**30 SATURDAY :**

**THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR BEGINS WITH  
EVENING PRAYER TODAY.**

**PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

*EVENING:* **+Purple**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Mass & Office:* see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

## DECEMBER 2024

*The Pope's Intention: For pilgrims of hope.* Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**1 SUNDAY**

**+PURPLE**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Mass:* Creed. Advent Preface I.

*Dewi Davies (Cardiff) 2007*

**2 Monday**

**Purple**

**1st Week of Advent**

*Mass:* Advent Preface I.

*Bonaventure Welsford (Menevia) 2000*

**3 Tuesday**

**White**

**St Francis Xavier, Priest** (*memorial*)

Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees.

**4 Wednesday**

**Purple**

**1st Week of Advent**

*Mass:* Advent Preface I.

*or:*

**White**

**St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**5 Thursday**

**Purple**

**1st Week of Advent**

*Mass:* Advent Preface I.

*Peter Kelly (Menevia) 2019*

**6 Friday**

**Purple**

**1st Week of Advent**

*Mass:* Advent Preface I.

*or:*

**White**

**St Nicholas, Bishop**

*Mass:* Advent Preface I (even when St Nicholas is kept).

**7 Saturday**

**White**

**St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

(*memorial*)

*Mass:* Advent Preface I (even when St Ambrose is kept).

*BUT IN MENEVIA DIOCESE*

**WHITE**

**DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH (FEAST)**

*Mass:* Gloria. Preface of the Dedication of a Church.

*Office:* At Prayer During the Day, antiphons and psalms of the occurring weekday.

**PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

*EVENING:*

**+PURPLE**

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Mass & Office:* see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

<b>8 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Advent Preface I.
<b>9 MONDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Preface of the Solemnity. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, proper antiphons and the Complementary Psalms.
<b>10 Tuesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
	<i>or:</i> <b>White</b>	<b>Our Lady of Loreto</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when Our Lady of Loreto is kept).
	<i>or:</i> <b>Red</b>	<b>Wales: St John Roberts, Priest, Martyr</b> St John Roberts, a native of Merionethshire, was martyred today, at Tyburn, in 1610.
<b>11 Wednesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
	<i>or:</i> <b>White</b>	<b>St Damasus I, Pope</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when St Damasus is kept).
<b>12 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
	<i>or:</i> <b>White</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when Our Lady of Guadalupe is kept). <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary. <i>John Owen (Cardiff) 2018</i>
Less recent liturgical books will indicate a celebration of St Jane Frances de Chantal on this date - her observance is now permanently transferred to 12 August.		
<b>13 Friday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (memorial)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when St Lucy is kept). St Lucy is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>14 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (memorial)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when St John of the Cross is kept).
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+ROSE/P</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>15 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+ROSE/P</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Advent Preface I. The Advent moderation in the use of organ, other musical instruments, and flowers, does not apply to <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday.

<b>16 Monday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<p>At Mass, proper readings are given for the weekdays from 17-24 December, and these should be used instead of those indicated for the weekdays of the third week of Advent. The Divine Office uses the Antiphons, and hymns for Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and the Office of Readings, as prescribed for Advent II. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs be celebrated. Votive Masses and Daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited. Memorials which occur on days between 17 and 31 December are optional; if kept, they are to be commemorated at Mass by using the collect of the saint in place of the collect of the Mass of the day. At the Office of Readings, the proper reading of a Commemoration, with its antiphon, is used following the Second Reading of the Season; at Morning and Evening Prayer, the Gospel Antiphon and Closing Prayer of the Commemoration are recited after the closing prayer of the day.</p>		
<b>17 Tuesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 17, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 17.
<b>18 Wednesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 18, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 18.
<b>19 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 19, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 19.
<b>20 Friday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 20, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 20.
<b>21 Saturday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 21, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 21. <i>Deacon Iain Cameron (Wrexham) 2022</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 4th Sunday of Advent with special material for December 21.

- 22 SUNDAY**    **+PURPLE**    **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Mass:* Creed. Advent Preface II.  
*Office:* 4th Sunday of Advent with special material for December 22.  
 Expectant Mothers' Sunday: prayer is recommended for expectant mothers. A formal blessing for expectant parents, text revised in 2012, is available at: [tinyurl.com/blessXM](http://tinyurl.com/blessXM)
- 23 Monday**    **Purple**    **4th Week of Advent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St John of Kanty, Priest**  
*Mass:* Proper Mass for December 23, with Advent Preface II.  
*Office:* 4th Week of Advent with special material for December 23.
- 24 Tuesday**    **Purple**    **4th Week of Advent**  
*Mass:* Proper Mass for December 24, with Advent Preface II.  
*Office:* 4th Week of Advent with special material for December 24.  
*John Fahy (Cardiff) 2008*

#### CHRISTMASTIDE

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, there is no more ancient feastday for the Church than the recalling of the memory of the Nativity of the Lord and of the mysteries of his first appearing. This is the purpose of Christmas Time. For the rite of blessing a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene at Mass or during a carol service, see pages 583-591 of the *Book of Blessings*. The rite of blessing a Christmas Tree is on pages 593-600.

*The Cycle of Prayer:* Christmastide continues the themes begun in Advent: Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

- EVENING:*    **+WHITE**    **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY) - CHRISTMAS VIGIL**  
*Mass:* The Vigil Mass of the Nativity has its own Proper Readings in the Lectionary. Gloria, Creed, and, if using Eucharistic Prayer I, special insertions for Christmas. Note genuflection during the Creed when the Incarnation is mentioned.  
 Text for the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ from the Roman Martyrology can be found at [tinyurl.com/BirthChant](http://tinyurl.com/BirthChant) – this may be chanted as part of the Liturgy of the Hours on the evening of 24 December, or immediately before (not during) Midnight Mass.  
*Office:* It is very appropriate to keep a solemn vigil by celebrating the Office of Readings before Midnight Mass. Night Prayer is not recited by those who attend the Office of Readings and Midnight Mass; otherwise, Night Prayer I of Sundays and Solemnities is celebrated.



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****25 WEDNESDAY + WHITE****THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY) - CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Mass:** The Readings may be interchanged from the formulae provided for Mass at Midnight, at Dawn, and During the Day. Gloria, Creed, and Christmas inserts for Eucharistic Prayer I. Note genuflection during the Creed when the Incarnation is mentioned.

All priests may celebrate three (stipended) Masses today on condition that they are celebrated at the proper times (Midnight, Dawn and Day).

**Office:** Night Prayer II of Sundays and Solemnities is said.

*Denis Torney (Cardiff) 2007*

**26 THURSDAY****Red****ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR (FEAST)**

**Mass:** Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used. St Stephen is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I.

**Office:** At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday. Evening Prayer is of December 26 in the Octave of Christmas.

*John Meredith (Cardiff) 2013*

**27 FRIDAY****White****ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (FEAST)**

**Mass:** Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.

**Office:** At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday. Evening Prayer is of December 27 in the Octave of Christmas.

**28 SATURDAY****Red****THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (FEAST)**

**Mass:** Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.

**Office:** Evening Prayer I of the Feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

*Vincent Daly (Wrexham) 2005; John O'Regan (Cardiff) 2016*

**PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

EVENING:

**+ WHITE****THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (FEAST)**

**Mass:** Gloria. Creed. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.

**29 SUNDAY****+ WHITE****THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (FEAST)**

**Mass:** Gloria. Creed. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.

**Office:** Evening Prayer II of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*Michael Martin (Cardiff) 2001*

<b>30 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.  <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday. Evening Prayer is of December 30 in the Octave of Christmas.</p>
<b>31 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Sylvester I, Pope</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.  <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday.  A plenary indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for devoutly assisting at the recitation or solemn singing, in a church or oratory, of the hymn, <i>Te Deum</i>, in thanksgiving for all the benefits received in the course of the last year.  <i>Marshall Gibbs (Cardiff) 2004</i></p>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.</p>

## JANUARY 2025

*The Pope's Intention: For the right to an education.* Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

<b>1 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary ("on the Solemnity of the Motherhood..."). Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.  A plenary indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for the devout recitation in a church or oratory of the hymn, <i>Veni Creator</i>, imploring divine aid for the course of the New Year.</p>
<b>2 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b> (<i>memorial</i>)  <i>Leonard John Quigley (Wrexham) 2016</i></p> <p>On weekdays within Christmastide from 2 January onwards, Optional Memorials may be kept in the same way as during Ordinary Time. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs or a Votive Mass be celebrated. Daily Masses for the Dead are not allowed.</p>

<b>3 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekdays before Epiphany: 3 January</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I, II or III of Christmas.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - no Proper Texts currently available in English, but the collect from the Missal could be used as a concluding prayer.
<b>4 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekdays before Epiphany: 4 January</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I, II or III of Christmas.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. The Vigil of the Epiphany has its own proper prayers for Mass.
<b>5 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria, Creed. Proper Preface of the Epiphany, and, if using Eucharistic Prayer I, special insertions for Epiphany. At today's Mass, following the Gospel, it is permitted to proclaim the dates of movable feasts for the coming year, in the form given at the end of Appendix I of the Roman Missal. For the rite of blessing homes during the Christmas Season, traditionally carried out on or near the Epiphany of the Lord, see pages 601-610 of the <i>Book of Blessings</i> .
<b>6 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Monday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface of the Epiphany or Preface I, II or III of the Nativity of the Lord.
<b>7 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Tuesday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface of the Epiphany or Preface I, II or III of the Nativity of the Lord.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</b> <i>John Owen Chadwick (Wrexham) 2019</i>
<b>8 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Wednesday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface of the Epiphany or Preface I, II or III of the Nativity of the Lord.
<b>9 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Thursday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface of the Epiphany or Preface I, II or III of the Nativity of the Lord. <i>Steven Marsh (Wrexham) 2003</i>
<b>10 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Friday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface of the Epiphany or Preface I, II or III of the Nativity of the Lord.

<b>11 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Saturday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface of the Epiphany or Preface I, II or III of the Nativity of the Lord. <i>Andrew Maggs (Cardiff) 2005</i>
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>12 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Preface. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day: Psalms of Sunday Week 3.

#### ORDINARY TIME - WINTER

During Ordinary Time (from now until Ash Wednesday), Votive Masses and the Daily Mass for the Dead are again permitted. Eucharistic Prayer IV may be used on Sundays, unless they are Solemnities or Feasts of the Lord with their own Proper Prefaces. In Votive Masses, including Our Lady's Mass on Saturdays, vestments proper to the colour of the Votive Mass may be used, or the colour of the occurring day, or of the season. On ferial days of Ordinary Time, the Mass texts may be of the Liturgy of the Day (taken from one of the 34 sets found in the Missal) or of any saint whose name is inscribed in the Roman Martyrology on that day, or may be a Votive Mass or one of the Masses for various occasions or needs, as set out in the Missal and Lectionary. The Ferial Cycle of readings should, however, be maintained as far as possible.

Proper Readings are to be used on Solemnities, Feasts, and on those Memorials for which the Lectionary explicitly indicates that one or more readings are Proper. On Obligatory Memorials, the proper prayers given in the Missal must be used. However, if only the Collect is proper, other prayers may be taken from the appropriate Common or from the Liturgy of the Day.

**The Cycle of Prayer:** In the Winter Season of Ordinary Time, we are invited to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.

<b>13 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 1</b> <b>St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>14 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 1</b>
<b>15 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 1</b>
<b>16 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 1</b> <i>James Fealey (Wrexham) 2022</i>
<b>17 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Anthony, Abbot</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
<b>18 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 1</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today, 18 January. The Votive Mass for Christian Unity (RM 1336) may be used today or on any day within the Octave which admits Votive Masses; the Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs cannot be used with this Votive Mass because it contains its own Proper Preface.

<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>		
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>19 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Peace Sunday - see <a href="http://www.paxchristi.org.uk">www.paxchristi.org.uk</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Pax Christi
<b>20 Monday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 2</b> <b>St Fabian, Pope and Martyr</b> <b>St Sebastian, Martyr</b>
<b>21 Tuesday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Mass:</i> St Agnes is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I. Blessed Nicholas Wheeler, from Leominster, was martyred today at Tyburn in 1586.
<b>22 Wednesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 2</b> <b>St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</b>
<b>23 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 2</b>
<b>24 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Patrick (Paddy) Breen (Wrexham) 2015</i>
<b>25 SATURDAY</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. St Paul is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I. <i>Patrick Creed (Cardiff) 2000; Deacon Peter Hunter (Wrexham) 2017</i>
<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>		
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>26 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Sunday of the Word of God: Prayers are recommended for openness to the Word of God. A plenary indulgence is granted, on the usual conditions, to those who with due veneration read Sacred Scripture for at least one-half hour. This indulgence is applicable all year. See also <a href="http://www.godwhospeaks.uk">www.godwhospeaks.uk</a>
<b>27 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 3</b> <b>St Angela Merici, Virgin</b>
<b>28 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )

<b>29 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 3</b>
<b>30 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 3</b>
<b>31 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St John Bosco, Priest</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )

## FEBRUARY 2025

*The Pope's Intention:* **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

<b>1 Saturday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 3</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>W or G</b>	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>2 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. The Penitential Rite is omitted in favour of the blessing of candles. The Missal foresees that Mass begins with a procession from a separate gathering place, or a solemn entry at the doors of the Church.
		World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
<b>3 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 4</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Ansgar, Bishop</b>
		For the rite of blessing throats, see pages 611-620 of the <i>Book of Blessings</i> .
<b>4 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 4</b>
		<i>Thomas Keane (Cardiff) 2015</i>
<b>5 Wednesday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
		<i>Mass:</i> St Agatha is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>6 Thursday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
		<i>Bernard Norris (Menevia) 2017</i>
<b>7 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 4</b>
<b>8 Saturday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 4</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Jerome Emiliani</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: I Cor 7:23-25; Ps 44:11-12, 14-17. R.11a. Alleluia: This is a wise virgin whom the Lord found watching; she went in to the wedding feast with him when he came. Mt 25:1-13
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Virgins.

<i>or:</i>	<b>W or G</b>	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> Today is a day of special prayer for victims of human trafficking and those who work to combat it. <i>Stanley Vince (Menevia) 2000; Ray O'Shea (Cardiff) 2021</i>
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>9 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>10 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Scholastica, Virgin</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Pierce Maher (Cardiff) 2011</i>
<b>11 Tuesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 5</b> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> World Day for the Sick
<b>12 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 5</b>
<b>13 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 5</b>
<b>14 FRIDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST CYRIL, MONK, AND ST METHIDIUS, BISHOP, PATRONS OF EUROPE (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper, supplemented by Common of Pastors: Founders of Churches, or Missionaries.
<b>15 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 5</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>16 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Racial Justice Sunday - see <a href="http://www.carj.org.uk">www.carj.org.uk</a>
<b>17 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 6</b> <b>Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b>
<b>18 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 6</b> <i>James Webb (Wrexham) 2013</i>
<b>19 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 6</b> <i>Luke Delaney (Cardiff) 2000</i>
<b>20 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 6</b>
<b>21 Friday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 6</b> <b>St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>

<b>22 SATURDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> St Peter is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>23 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>24 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 7</b>
<b>25 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 7</b>
<b>26 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 7</b>
<b>27 Thursday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 7</b> <b>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>28 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 7</b> <i>Archbishop MICHAEL McGRATH (3rd Bishop of Menevia, 3rd Archbishop of Cardiff) 1961; Patrick Daly (Cardiff) 2021</i>
<i>BUT IN WALES</i> <i>EVENING:</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES, PATRON OF WREXHAM DIOCESE AND TITULAR OF CARDIFF CATHEDRAL (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Readings: Lectionary II 860. Preface of Pastors. <i>Office:</i> Those without access to the full Proper for Wales may use the material at M&EP 1183, DP 317*, DO-I 187* or DO-II 202*. A PDF file containing proper material for celebrating Morning and Evening prayer for St David's Day, and the suggested First Reading for Mass, may be downloaded from: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/DavidTexts">tinyurl.com/DavidTexts</a>

## MARCH 2025

*The Pope's Intention: For families in crisis.* Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

<b>1 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 7</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>
<i>BUT IN WALES</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES, PATRON OF WREXHAM DIOCESE AND TITULAR OF CARDIFF CATHEDRAL SECONDARY PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Readings: Lectionary II 860. Preface of Pastors. <i>Office:</i> Those without access to the full Proper for Wales may use the material at M&EP 1183, DP 317*, DO-I 187* or DO-II 202*.



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*BUT IN HEREFORDSHIRE*

**WHITE**

**ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES (FEAST)**

*Mass:* Gloria. Readings at Lectionary II 860.

*Office:* Proper Texts at M&EP 1183, DP 317\*, DO-I 187\* or DO-II 202\*.

**PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

*EVENING:*

**+GREEN**

**8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

*Mass & Office:* see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

**2 SUNDAY**

**+GREEN**

**8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

*Mass:* Gloria. Creed.

Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

*Jimmy Thomas (Cardiff) 2018*

**3 Monday**

**Green**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 8**

*Deacon John Tarbrook (Wrexham) 2006*

**4 Tuesday**

*or:*

**Green**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 8**

**White**  
**St Casimir**

#### LENT

The season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the paschal mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation; it also prepares the faithful, who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter. The Lenten Alms Box should be placed in the Church.

The two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation may be appropriately used in Lent, with their Proper Prefaces up until the end of the fourth week of Lent, and with appropriate Lenten Prefaces at any time. Memorials which occur on a weekday may be commemorated, if wished, only by using the collect of the saint in place of the collect for the Mass of the Day. At the Office of Readings, the proper reading of a Commemoration, with its antiphon, is used following the Second Reading of the Season; at Morning and Evening Prayer, the Gospel Antiphon and Closing Prayer of the Commemoration are recited after the closing prayer of the day. Votive Masses and the Daily Mass for the Dead are not permitted. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs be celebrated.

The Alleluia is always omitted, both in the Liturgy of the Hours and in Mass. Gloria and *Te Deum* are omitted on Sundays, but retained for solemnities, feasts, and particular celebrations. It is not permitted to adorn the altar with flowers, and the organ and other instruments may only be played for the purpose of sustaining the singing. An exception is made for *Laetare* Sunday, and for solemnities and feasts. For the celebration of marriages, the parish priest should alert spouses to the need to take account of the particular penitential character of this season. The Nuptial Mass is allowed during Lent, but no weddings may be celebrated during the Sacred Triduum.

**The Cycle of Prayer:** During Lent, we are invited to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments, (especially on the Sundays of Lent); Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

<b>5 WEDNESDAY PURPLE</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<p><i>Mass:</i> The penitential act is omitted, in favour of the blessing and distribution of ashes which takes place after the homily. Lenten Preface IV is used.</p> <p>The ashes are of branches of the olive tree or, according to custom, of the palm tree or other trees, which have been blessed the previous year. The blessing and distribution of ashes may take place outside Mass. It is opportune for this to occur in a Liturgy of the Word, as described in the Roman Missal, or on pages 621-628 of the <i>Book of Blessings</i>. In this case, the ashes are blessed and distributed after the homily and the celebration concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful.</p> <p><i>Office:</i> At Morning Prayer, the psalms and canticles of Friday Week 3 may be used. Otherwise from now until Saturday the psalmody is taken from PSALTER WEEK 4. A day of penance marked by fasting and abstinence from meat.</p>
<b>6 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<p><b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.</p> <p><i>Bishop JAMES HANNIGAN (8th Bishop of Menevia, 1st Bishop of Wrexham) 1994; Archbishop PETER SMITH (6th Archbishop of Cardiff)</i></p>
<b>7 Friday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<p><b>Friday after Ash Wednesday; optionally, as a Commemoration, Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.</p> <p>Sts Perpetua and Felicity are named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.</p> <p>Women's World Day of Prayer: see <a href="http://www.wwdp.org.uk">www.wwdp.org.uk</a></p> <p><i>Thomas Nulty (Cardiff) 2004</i></p>
<b>8 Saturday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<p><b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday; optionally, as a Commemoration, St John of God, Religious</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.</p>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b></p> <p><b>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</b></p> <p><i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.</p>
<b>9 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<p><b>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Creed. Proper Preface of the First Sunday of Lent. If there are Candidates for Baptism, the Rite of Sending may take place (see ritual in the liturgical book for RCIA). The Rite of Election takes place at the Cathedral today.</p>
<b>10 Monday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<p><b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.</p>
<b>11 Tuesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<p><b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.</p>

<b>12 Wednesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. <i>James Mulroy (Wrexham) 2000</i>
<b>13 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. <i>Bishop FRANCIS VAUGHAN (2nd Bishop of Menevia) 1935</i>
<b>14 Friday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day.
<b>15 Saturday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>16 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Proper Preface of the Transfiguration. Optional Scrutiny of Baptised Candidates preparing for Reception into Full Communion. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Lenten Fast (CAFOD) (Recommended)
<b>17 MONDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper readings at Lectionary II 868.
<b>18 Tuesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. <i>Paul Emmett (Wrexham) 2013</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. PATRON OF THE DIOCESE OF MENEVIA AND TITULAR OF THE CATHEDRAL IN SWANSEA. (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>19 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. SECONDARY PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA AND TITULAR OF THE CATHEDRAL IN SWANSEA. (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, the Complementary Psalms with today's Proper Antiphons. Today is the anniversary of the inauguration of Pope Francis in 2013. A special mention of the Pope should be made in the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses. For the rite of blessing food on "St Joseph's Table", see pages 629-636 of the <i>Book of Blessings</i> . <i>Augustine Caulfield (Menevia) 2001</i>

<b>20 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.
<b>21 Friday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.
Possible note for parish bulletins: Clocks go forward for the start of British Summer Time next weekend.		
<b>22 Saturday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>23 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. If there are Candidates for Baptism, the First Scrutiny takes place, always using the Readings of Cycle A and the Preface of the Third Sunday of Lent. Otherwise Preface I or II of Lent is used. <i>Shaji Punnattu (Wrexham) 2023</i>
<b>24 Monday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. <i>Michael F. Tomkins (Wrexham) 2008</i>
In order to promote baptismal catechesis, it is permissible to take once more on the most suitable day this week (provided it does not coincide with a solemnity or feast) the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman, assigned to the previous Sunday, instead of that of the weekday. When this is done, the readings are Ex 17:1-7, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, Jn 4:5-42 with the matching proper preface and communion antiphon from the Third Sunday of Lent.		
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>25 TUESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Note genuflection during the Creed when the Incarnation is mentioned. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, antiphons for the Annunciation together with Complementary Psalms.
<b>26 Wednesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. <i>Francis M urphy (Cardiff) 2006</i>
<b>27 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. <i>Archbishop JOHN ALOYSIUS WARD O.F.M.Cap. (7th Bishop of Menevia, 5th Archbishop of Cardiff) 2007; Sean Clancy (Menevia) 2015</i>
<b>28 Friday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-IV of Lent. <i>William Isaac (Cardiff) 2021</i>

- 29 Saturday**     **Purple**     **Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I-IV of Lent.  
 Clocks go forward for the start of British Summer Time tonight.
- PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**
- EVENING:*     **+ROSE/P**     **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)**  
*Mass & Office:* see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
- 30 SUNDAY**     **+ROSE/P**     **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)**  
*Mass:* The Lenten discipline in the use of organ, other musical instruments and flowers does not apply today, *Laetare* Sunday. For special prayers and blessings in honour of mothers, see pages 644-646 of the *Book of Blessings*.  
 Creed. If there are Candidates for Baptism, the Second Scrutiny takes place, always using the Readings of Cycle A and the Preface of the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

- 31 Monday**     **Purple**     **Weekday, 4th Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I-IV of Lent.  
 In order to promote baptismal catechesis, it is permissible to take once more on the most suitable day this week (provided it does not coincide with a solemnity or feast) the Gospel of the Man Born Blind, assigned to the previous Sunday, instead of that of the weekday. When this is done, the readings are Mic 7:7-9, Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14, Jn 9:1-41 with the matching proper preface and communion antiphon from the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

## APRIL 2025

*The Pope's Intention: For the use of the new technologies.* Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

- 1 Tuesday**     **Purple**     **Weekday, 4th Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I-IV of Lent.  
*Deacon John Abbot (Wrexham) 2016*
- 2 Wednesday**     **Purple**     **Weekday, 4th Week of Lent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Francis of Paola, Hermit**  
*Mass:* Preface I-IV of Lent.
- 3 Thursday**     **Purple**     **Weekday, 4th Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I-IV of Lent.
- 4 Friday**     **Purple**     **Weekday, 4th Week of Lent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
*Mass:* Preface I-IV of Lent.  
*Paul Chidgey (Cardiff) 2011*

**5 Saturday**      **Purple**      **Weekday, 4th Week of Lent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Vincent Ferrer, Priest**  
*Mass:* Preface I-IV of Lent.

The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday; images until the Easter Vigil begins.

**PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

*EVENING:*      **+PURPLE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
*Mass & Office:* see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

**6 SUNDAY**      **+PURPLE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
*Mass:* **Creed. If there are Candidates for Baptism, the Third Scrutiny takes place, always using the Readings of Cycle A and the Preface of the Fifth Sunday of Lent.**

*Felix Connolly (Cardiff) 2004; Patrick Kerrisk (Cardiff) 2012*

**7 Monday**      **Purple**      **Weekday, 5th Week of Lent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

*Mass:* Preface I of the Passion of the Lord.

In order to promote baptismal catechesis, it is permissible to take once more on the most suitable day this week (provided it does not coincide with a solemnity or feast) the Gospel of Lazarus, assigned to the previous Sunday, instead of that of the weekday. When this is done, the readings are II Kgs 4:18b-21,32-37, Ps 16:1, 6-8,15, Jn 11:1-45 with the matching proper preface and communion antiphon from the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

**8 Tuesday**      **Purple**      **Weekday, 5th Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I of the Passion of the Lord.  
*John Donovan (Wrexham) 2009*

**9 Wednesday**      **Purple**      **Weekday, 5th Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I of the Passion of the Lord.

**10 Thursday**      **Purple**      **Weekday, 5th Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I of the Passion of the Lord.

**11 Friday**      **Purple**      **Weekday, 5th Week of Lent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**  
*Mass:* Preface I of the Passion of the Lord.

**12 Saturday**      **Purple**      **Weekday, 5th Week of Lent**  
*Mass:* Preface I of the Passion of the Lord.  
*Bishop THOMAS JOSEPH BROWN, O.S.B. (1st Vicar Apostolic of the Welsh District, 1st Bishop of Newport and Menevia) 1880*

In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his messianic entry into Jerusalem, until his blessed Passion and glorious Resurrection. The weekdays of this week are dedicated to the celebration of penance, abstaining from the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, since these have their natural place in the Easter Vigil. Lent continues until Maundy Thursday.

The rites of Holy Week, that is to say the blessing and procession of palms, the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, may be celebrated in all churches and chapels. In churches other than parish churches, and in chapels, it is best that these rites be celebrated only if this can be done worthily – that is to say, with an appropriate number of ministers, with the possibility of singing at least some parts of the liturgy, and with a sufficiently large congregation of faithful. Otherwise, it is best that these liturgies be celebrated only in parish churches and in other more important churches. Pastors should take care to instruct the faithful on the meaning and structure of the rites enacted in these days, and so lead them to an active and fruitful participation.

**PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+RED</b>	<p><b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>  <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.</p>
<b>13 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+RED</b>	<p><b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>  <i>Mass:</i> The blessing of palms and Procession, Solemn Entrance or Simple Entrance replace the Penitential Act; Mass begins with the Collect. There should be only one Procession, to be celebrated before Mass on either the Saturday evening or on the Sunday itself; the Solemn Entrance, without procession, may be repeated at another Mass which is habitually celebrated with a large gathering of the people. For the spiritual good of the faithful it is appropriate that the narrative of the Passion be read in its entirety, without however omitting the other readings which precede it. After the reading of the Passion, there should be a homily, even if only a brief one. The Passion is read according to the rubrics in the Missal; at the end is said <i>Verbum Domini</i> ("The Gospel of the Lord"), but the book is not kissed. Creed. Proper Preface.</p> <p>The liturgical books do not provide for the blessing of palm branches apart from the entrance rites of the Palm Sunday Mass.</p> <p>On this day, the Church enters upon the mystery of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of her Lord, brings together the triumphal procession of Christ as King and the proclamation of his Passion. Both aspects of the paschal mystery should be explained in the catechesis of the day. Where it is not possible to celebrate Mass, there should be held a Liturgy of the Word about the Lord's messianic entry and his Passion, either on the Saturday evening or at a suitable time on the Sunday.</p> <p>St Caradoc, a hermit in South Wales who died in 1124, is listed in today's entry in the Roman Martyrology.</p>

- 14 MONDAY PURPLE MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
*Mass:* Preface II of the Passion of the Lord.
- 15 TUESDAY PURPLE TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
*Mass:* Preface II of the Passion of the Lord.  
*Michael Donnellan (Menevia) 2012*
- 16 WEDNESDAY PURPLE WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
*Mass:* Preface II of the Passion of the Lord.  
*Bernard Whitehouse (Cardiff) 2002*
- 17 THURSDAY WHITE THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (MAUNDY THURSDAY)**  
*Mass:* In the morning: CHRISM MASS, with Gloria, Proper Preface. It is permissible to anticipate the blessing of the Holy Oils on another day, on condition that the day chosen is close to Easter and that the proper Mass is used.  
 This Mass, which the bishop celebrates with his presbyterium, and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the unity and communion of the priests with their bishop. The faithful, too, should regularly take part and receive the Eucharist at this Mass. The readings bring out both Christ's messianic mission and its continuation in the Church by means of the sacraments. The newly blessed Oils should be borne with honour to the parish churches. The old Oils should be burned or poured into the Blessed Sacrament lamp. The reception of the sacred Oils may suitably take place before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another suitable moment. The faithful should, however, be instructed on the use of the sacred Oils and their efficaciousness in the Christian life.  
 Only the Chrim Mass and the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper may be celebrated today. The celebration of Funeral Masses and of Mass without a congregation are both prohibited today. Holy Communion may be distributed to the faithful only during Masses today, except for the sick, who may receive Communion at any hour.

#### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Christ accomplished the work of redemption and the perfect glorification of God principally through his paschal mystery, in which dying he destroyed our death and rising restored our life. Hence the Sacred Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection shines forth as the culmination of the whole liturgical year. By the celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of her Spouse, the Church means to make present and to fulfil the mystery of the Passover, the passing over of the Lord from this world to the Father.



EVENING:

WHITE

**EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Mass:** Gloria, during which bells are rung; bells then remain silent until the Easter Vigil. The mandatum (washing of feet) may be carried out. According to the revision promulgated by Pope Francis in 2016 (see [tinyurl.com/Mandatum2016](http://tinyurl.com/Mandatum2016)) if the ritual of foot-washing is carried out, those chosen should "represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God. Such small groups can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women and laity."

In the procession bearing the gifts it is fitting that there be included gifts destined for the poor, especially gifts which have been collected during Lent as the fruits of penance. While this happens, the hymn *Ubi caritas* ("Where charity and love...") is sung. Proper Preface, and special version of Eucharistic Prayer I as printed for today in the Missal.

From the end of Mass until midnight, the Blessed Sacrament may be reserved publicly; it is fitting that for this purpose, a chapel should be arranged in which prayer and meditation may be fostered, but marked by that austerity which is appropriate to these days. The procession and repose of the Blessed Sacrament only takes place if the Celebration of the Lord's Passion is to take place in the same building tomorrow. RM 345 gives detailed rubrics for the procession and stripping of the altar.

**Office:** For those who attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper, this takes the place of Evening Prayer.

18 FRIDAY

RED

**GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Mass:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion in the afternoon, at around 3 pm, according to the prescriptions of the liturgical books. If, however, genuine pastoral reasons require it, the celebration may take place at a more suitable time, but not before noon and not after 9 pm. No one should introduce changes on private initiative. The altar should be completely bare: without cloths, cross and candlesticks.

After the celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Blessed Sacrament should be carried back in a simple way to the place of reservation and kept there with the usual lamp burning. The altar should be stripped in private, leaving however the cross and candlesticks. It is fitting that a place be arranged (as, for example, the chapel used for reposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the previous evening), suitable for prayer and meditation, and that the cross be placed there to be adored by the faithful. A plenary indulgence is granted on the usual conditions for piously venerating the Cross during the Liturgy of the Passion.

**Office:** It is highly appropriate that the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer be celebrated in solemn fashion with the people. For those who attend the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, this takes the place of Evening Prayer. Night Prayer II of Sundays is said, with the special antiphon for the Sacred Triduum. A day of penance marked by fasting and abstinence from meat.

According to a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist on this day. Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful only during the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, but may be taken at any time to the sick who are unable to take part in this liturgy.

Of the seven Sacraments, only the Sacraments of Penance and of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated today. Funerals should be conducted without singing and without organ music or the ringing of bells. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Holy Places (Mandatory)

## 19 SATURDAY PURPLE HOLY SATURDAY

**Mass:** The Church today abstains completely from the celebration of Mass. Holy Communion may only be given in the form of Viaticum.

For the rite of blessing food in readiness for the First Meal of Easter (a common custom in Eastern Europe), see pages 637-644 of the *Book of Blessings*.

**Office:** It is highly appropriate that the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer be celebrated in solemn fashion with the people. If it is not possible to celebrate the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer with the people's participation, there should be a celebration of the Word of God or some devotional exercise appropriate to today's mystery, especially one that honours the Blessed Virgin Mary for her sharing in the Passion of her Son. For those who celebrate the Easter Vigil, this takes the place of Night Prayer. For those who do not attend the Vigil, Night Prayer II of Sundays is said with the special antiphon for Holy Saturday.

Of the Seven Sacraments, only Penance and the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated today. Holy Communion may only be given as Viaticum. An image of Christ crucified or laid in the tomb may be set up in the church for the veneration of the faithful, or else a portrayal of his descent into Hell, such as casts light upon the mystery commemorated by Holy Saturday, or else an image of Our Lady of Sorrows.

**EASTERTIDE**

The Paschal candle should be placed near the ambo or altar, and kept there for the whole Easter season until the end of Pentecost Sunday. It should be lit for the more solemn liturgical celebrations during this time, that is, for Mass and Morning and Evening Prayer.

**The Cycle of Prayer:** During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Survivors of Abuse; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.  
Throughout the Easter season, the Angelus is replaced by *Regina Coeli*.

**PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

**EVENING: +WHITE THE EASTER VIGIL**

**Mass:** The whole celebration of the Easter Vigil should take place at night, so that it begins after night has fallen and concludes before daybreak. The celebration of a Mass without the rites of the Easter Vigil is not allowed; nor may a Mass be celebrated at the community's customary time for a Sunday Vigil Mass, unless this time is itself after nightfall. As regards the blessing of the fire, in so far as is possible a large fire should be prepared outside the church. The Easter candle, for effective symbolism, should be made of wax, of one piece, and of considerable size, and be renewed every year.

The Exsultet may be sung, in case of necessity, by a cantor who is not a deacon, but in this event the cantor does not receive a blessing from the celebrant, and the second part of the invitation is omitted (*Quapropter ...* or "Therefore, dearest friends ...") as is the greeting ("The Lord be with you..."). At least three readings are to be proclaimed from the Old Testament, and even in urgent circumstances at least two. The reading from the Book of Exodus is never to be omitted.

Gloria with bells. At the reading of the Gospel, incense may be used, but lights are not carried. The baptismal liturgy of the Easter Vigil reaches its fullest form when the baptism of adults, or at least children, is celebrated. However, even when the sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated, in parish churches the baptismal water should be blessed. In cases where there are neither baptisms nor blessing of the font, the sacrament of baptism should be recalled by the blessing of water, with which the faithful are then sprinkled after having renewed their baptismal promises.

Proper Preface. Special insertions if Eucharistic Prayer I is used. Double Alleluia at the dismissal.

<b>20 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> It is desirable that at Masses with a congregation, baptismal promises should be renewed. If sprinkling with holy water has replaced the penitential rite, this is not repeated at the renewal of vows. Gloria, Sequence, Creed or Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Proper Preface. Special insertions if Eucharistic Prayer I is used. Double Alleluia at the dismissal. At an evening Mass the Gospel may be Luke 24:13-35. <i>Office:</i> For those who have attended the Easter Vigil, this takes the place of today's Office of Readings. Today, and throughout the whole Octave, Sunday Night Prayer (as after either first or second vespers), with the antiphon <i>Haec dies</i> (This is the day) instead of the short responsory.</p>
<b>21 MONDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<p><b>MONDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Gloria (but no Creed), Preface I of Easter. Double Alleluia added to dismissal. Use of the Sequence is optional. If using Eucharistic Prayer I, note insertions. <i>Richard Byron (Menevia) 2021</i></p>
<b>22 TUESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<p><b>TUESDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Gloria (but no Creed), Preface I of Easter. Double Alleluia added to dismissal. Use of the Sequence is optional. If using Eucharistic Prayer I, note insertions.</p>
<b>23 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Gloria (but no Creed), Preface I of Easter. Double Alleluia added to dismissal. Use of the Sequence is optional. If using Eucharistic Prayer I, note insertions.</p>
<b>24 THURSDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<p><b>THURSDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Gloria (but no Creed), Preface I of Easter. Double Alleluia added to dismissal. Use of the Sequence is optional. If using Eucharistic Prayer I, note insertions.</p>
<b>25 FRIDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<p><b>FRIDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b></p> <p><i>Mass:</i> Gloria (but no Creed), Preface I of Easter. Double Alleluia added to dismissal. Use of the Sequence is optional. If using Eucharistic Prayer I, note insertions. Since this Friday ranks as a Solemnity, abstinence from meat need not be observed.</p>

<b>26 SATURDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>SATURDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria (but no Creed), Preface I of Easter. Double Alleluia added to dismissal. Use of the Sequence is optional. If using Eucharistic Prayer I, note insertions. <i>Bishop DANIEL JOSEPH HANNON (4th Bishop of Menevia) 1946; Gregory Matus (Cardiff) 2010</i>
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE, ALSO CALLED DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

<b>27 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE, ALSO CALLED DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface I of Easter. Double Alleluia added to dismissal. Use of the Sequence is optional. If using Eucharistic Prayer I, note insertions. The Mass to be celebrated is that of the Second Sunday of Easter; no changes may be made, even for special Divine Mercy celebrations. The <i>Book of Blessings</i> specifies that an image of Our Lord for public veneration should not be blessed during Mass. Throughout the Easter season, particular attention should be paid to the mystagogical formation of the newly baptised. St Mauganus, a sixth-century bishop in Anglesey, is listed in today's entry in the Roman Martyrology.
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In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday; a plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from affection for sin, even venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!"). A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.

Priests should inform the faithful in the most suitable way of this provision. They should promptly and generously be willing to hear their confessions. On Divine Mercy Sunday, after celebrating Mass or Evening Prayer, or during devotions in honour of Divine Mercy, with the dignity that is in accord with the rite, they should lead the recitation of the prayers that have been given above. Finally, when they instruct their people, priests should gently encourage the faithful to practise works of charity or mercy as often as they can, following the example of, and in obeying the commandment of, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The full text of the Decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary, abridged above, is available online: [tinyurl.com/DMDDecree](http://tinyurl.com/DMDDecree)

<b>28 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</b>
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Pastors.
<i>But in Herefordshire</i>	<b>RED</b>	<b>ST GEORGE, MARTYR (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> Proper texts may be found under 23 April.

When an optional memorial falls on a weekday of Easter time, it is possible to choose either the Office and Mass of the weekday, or the Office and Mass of the saint who is inscribed for that day in the calendar or in the Martyrology. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs and Occasions, or Votive Mass, be celebrated. In the weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the hymns for the Office of Readings, for Morning Prayer and for Evening Prayer, and the antiphon at the Middle Hour are taken from those prescribed for the season. To the antiphons is added Alleluia, unless this is already present, or unless it does not well accord with the sense of the words.

**29 TUESDAY**      **WHITE**      **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE (FEAST)**

**30 Wednesday**      **White**      **Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide**  
*Mass:* Preface I-V of Easter.  
*or:*      **White**      **St Pius V, Pope**

## MAY 2025

Since the month of May largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter, the primary focus must be on the Resurrection of Christ rather than the Mother of God. Pious exercises practised at this time could emphasise Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery, and Pentecost: Our Lady journeys with the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Eastertide is also a time for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation and of the mystagogy. The pious exercises connected with the month of May could easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. (See Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 190.)

**The Pope's Intention: For working conditions.** Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

**1 Thursday**      **White**      **Weekday, 2nd Week of Eastertide**  
*Mass:* Preface I-V of Easter.  
*or:*      **White**      **St Joseph the Worker**  
**Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia**  
*Mass:* The Gospel is always from the Proper (Lectionary II 893).  
 A significant day for prayer focussing on the dignity of human work.  
 The Roman Martyrology notes the death of two Welsh saints on this day: St Asaph, whose feast in the Welsh calendar is kept on May 5, and St Brioc, a 5th Century Welsh Bishop who became abbot of a monastery in Brittany.

<b>2 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>(memorial)</i>
<b>3 SATURDAY</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>STS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Sts James and Philip are named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I. <i>Matthew Kelly (Wrexham) 2001</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>4 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface I-V of Easter. <i>Eric Wastell (Menevia) 2021</i>
<b>5 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Wales: St Asaph</b>
<b>6 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter. Blessed Edward Jones, a priest and convert from the Church of England, born in the diocese of St Asaph, was martyred today at Fleet Street in 1590.
<b>7 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<b>8 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<b>9 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<b>10 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 3rd Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Saint John De Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>Francis O'Donnell (Cardiff) 2010; Deacon Geoffrey Beach (Cardiff) 2010</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>11 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface I-V of Easter. The World Day of Prayer for Vocations (or Good Shepherd Sunday). This prayer intention should be explained in today's homilies and included in the Prayer of the Faithful. See also: <a href="http://www.ukvocation.org">www.ukvocation.org</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church Student Fund (Envelopes may be included) (Part of the Diocesan Levy in the Wrexham Diocese)

<b>12 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Sts Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Pancras, Martyr</b>
<b>13 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Is 61:9-11; Ps 44 :11-12. 14-17 R. 11a. Alleluia: Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, and worthy of all praise, for the sun of justice, Christ our God, was born of you. Lk 11:27-28 <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
<b>14 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> St Matthias is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>15 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<b>16 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<b>17 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 4th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>18 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface I-V of Easter.
<b>19 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Herefordshire: St Dunstan, Bishop</b>
<b>20 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary</b> Today is a National Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse: parishes should offer a period of prayer for this intention and include an appropriate bidding prayer on Sunday. See: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PrayForSurvivors">tinyurl.com/PrayForSurvivors</a> Today is the traditional date for the celebration of St Æthelbert II, King of East Anglia, who was martyred in 794 and whose relics were enshrined at Hereford Cathedral, of which he is co-patron; he does not, however, appear in the 2004 edition of the Roman Martyrology.



<b>21 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Apoc 7:9-17; Ps 33:2-9, R.5b. Alleluia: Mt 5:10. Jn 12:24-26. <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Martyrs.
<b>22 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Rita of Cascia, Religious</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Phil 4:4-9; Ps 1:1-4,6 R.2 OR Ps 39:5 or Ps 91:13-14. Alleluia: Mt 11:28; Lk 6:27-38. <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Holy Women (Religious but not Virgin).
<b>23 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>BUT IN CARDIFF ARCHDIOCESE</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Preface of the Dedication of a Church. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, antiphons and psalms of the occurring weekday. <i>Charles Wall (Menevia) 2003</i>
<b>24 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter. <i>Nicholas Jenkins (Menevia) 2023</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>25 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface I-V of Easter. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <i>in Wrexham only</i> - Bishop's Fund (Envelopes may be included) (Part of the Diocesan Levy)
<b>26 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Philip Neri, Priest</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
<b>27 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b>
<i>BUT IN HEREFORDSHIRE</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Proper Readings at Lectionary II 911. <i>Deacon John Walsh (Wrexham) 2000</i>

**28 Wednesday**    **White**    **Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide**  
*Mass:* Preface I-V of Easter.  
*EVENING:*    **+WHITE**    **VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)**  
*Mass:* Gloria. Creed. Note that there is a distinct Vigil Mass for the Ascension given in the Missal.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**29 THURSDAY**    **+WHITE**    **ASCENSION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)**  
*Mass:* Gloria. Creed. Preface I or II of the Ascension of the Lord.  
*Paschal Dormer (Wrexham) 2021*

**30 Friday**    **White**    **Weekday, 6th Week of Eastertide (Friday after Ascension)**  
*Mass:* Preface I-V of Easter or I or II of the Ascension of the Lord.

Where it is desirable or customary to celebrate a novena of prayer in preparation for Pentecost, this begins today.

**31 SATURDAY**    **WHITE**    **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (FEAST)**  
**PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**  
*EVENING:*    **+WHITE**    **7TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**  
*Mass & Office:* see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

**JUNE 2025**

*The Pope's Intention: That the world might grow in compassion.* Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

**1 SUNDAY**    **+WHITE**    **7TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**  
*Mass:* Gloria. Creed. Preface I or II of the Ascension of the Lord.  
World Communications Day -  
[tinyurl.com/WorldComMsg](http://tinyurl.com/WorldComMsg)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Communications Network (CCN) (Mandatory)

**2 Monday**    **White**    **Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide**  
*Mass:* Preface I-V of Easter or I or II of the Ascension of the Lord.  
*or:*    **Red**    **Sts Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs**  
*Mass:* Sts Marcellinus and Peter are named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.  
*Bishop JOHN PETIT (5th Bishop of Menevia) 1973*

**3 Tuesday**    **Red**    **St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (memorial)**

<b>4 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter or I or II of the Ascension of the Lord. Today's entry in the Roman Martyrology includes St Petroc "of Wales" who ministered and died in Cornwall.
<b>5 Thursday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>James Mulvihill (Cardiff) 2011; Joseph Henry Clarke (Wrexham) 2011</i>
<b>6 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter or I or II of the Ascension of the Lord.
	<i>or:</i> <b>White</b>	<b>St Norbert, Bishop</b> <i>Deacon Cliff Howe (Wrexham) 2015</i>
<b>7 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide</b> <i>Mass:</i> Preface I-V of Easter or I or II of the Ascension of the Lord. <i>William Boxall (Cardiff) 2016</i>
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+RED</b>	<b>VIGIL OF PENTECOST (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> There is a distinct Vigil Mass for Pentecost given in the Missal, which may optionally be celebrated with an extended series of readings from the Lectionary. Gloria. Creed. Preface of Pentecost. Special inserts for Eucharistic Prayer I, if used.
<b>8 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+RED</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Sequence. Creed. Preface of Pentecost. Special inserts for Eucharistic Prayer I, if used. Double Alleluia at dismissal. A significant day when prayers are recommended for the Church.
<b>ORDINARY TIME - SUMMER</b>		
The Paschal Candle is no longer kept in the sanctuary, but moved to the baptistry, where it is kept with due honour and lit at baptisms. At funerals it may be placed near the coffin, and lit, to signify that Christian death is a true Passover. The recitation of the Angelus is resumed. Eucharistic Prayer IV may be again used on Sundays, unless they are Solemnities or Feasts of the Lord with their own Proper Prefaces.		
The Readings of Ordinary Time continue from the 10th week of Cycle I.		
<i>The Cycle of Prayer:</i> During Ordinary Time (Summer), <i>i.e.</i> up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.		
<b>9 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church; optionally, as a Commemoration, Herefordshire: St Columba, Abbot</b> <i>Mass:</i> For proper texts, see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/BVM-MChurch">tinyurl.com/BVM-MChurch</a>

<b>10 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 10</b>
<b>11 Wednesday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Barnabas, Apostle</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Mass:</i> The First Reading is always taken from the Proper (Lectionary II 926). St Barnabas is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I. <i>Bernard Murphy (Wrexham) 2001</i>
<b>12 THURSDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. For proper texts, see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/OLJCtEHP">tinyurl.com/OLJCtEHP</a>
<b>13 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>John Lochran (Wrexham) 2024</i>
<b>14 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 10</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>15 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface of the Most Holy Trinity. Texts at RM 533, Lectionary Volume I 910. <i>Office:</i> Texts at DP 478 / DO-III 3 / M&EP 301. At Prayer During the Day, the Psalms of Sunday Week I together with today's antiphons. Day for Life: Prayers are recommended for the protection of human life: see <a href="http://www.dayforlife.org">www.dayforlife.org</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - CBCEW Day for Life Collection (Mandatory) Fathers' Day. For special prayers and blessings in honour of fathers, see pages 647-648 of the <i>Book of Blessings</i> .
<b>16 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 11</b> <b>Herefordshire: St Richard of Chichester, Bishop</b>
<b>17 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 11</b> <i>Patrick McNamara (Wrexham) 2008</i>
<b>18 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 11</b>
<b>19 Thursday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 11</b> <b>St Romuald, Abbot</b> <i>Archbishop JAMES ROMANUS BILSBORROW O.S.B. (First Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff – Titular Archbishop of Cius) 1931</i>

<b>20 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 11</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Wales: St Alban, St Julius and St Aaron, Protomartyrs of Britain</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Lectionary III. <i>Office:</i> Proper Texts at M&EP 1187, DP 321* or DO-III 430*.
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Herefordshire: St Alban, Martyr</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Lectionary III. <i>Office:</i> Proper Texts at M&EP 1186, DP 321* or DO-III 430*. Today is the anniversary of the installation of the Most Revd Mark O'Toole as Archbishop of Cardiff in 2022.
<b>21 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) The Roman Martyrology notes the death today of St Méen, a 6th Century Welsh monk who became abbot of a monastery in Brittany.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>22 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Optional Sequence. Creed. Preface I or II of the Most Holy Eucharist. Texts at RM 537, Lectionary Volume I, 913. <i>Office:</i> Texts at DP 481 / DO-III 21 / M&EP 310. At Prayer During the Day, the Psalms of Sunday Week I together with today's antiphons.
<b>23 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 12</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Herefordshire: St Ethelreda (Audrey), Abbess</b>
		Today is the anniversary of the installation of the Most Revd Mark O'Toole as Bishop of Menevia in 2022.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Mass texts and Readings for the Vigil. St John the Baptist is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>24 TUESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. St John the Baptist is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, antiphons of St John the Baptist with the Complementary Psalms.
<b>25 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 12</b>

<b>26 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 12</b> <i>Harding Rees (Menevia) 2017</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>27 FRIDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Preface. Texts at RM 540, Lectionary Volume I 921. <i>Office:</i> Texts at DP 495 / DO-III 42 / M&EP 321. At Prayer During the Day, the Complementary Psalms together with today's antiphons. When a Solemnity falls on a Friday, abstinence from meat need not be observed. <i>Deacon Peter Copeman (Wrexham) 2012; Frank Slater (Cardiff) 2024</i>
<b>28 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> <i>Mass:</i> The Gospel is always taken from the Proper. Preface I or II of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Texts for today's celebration will be found after the entry for 31 May in the Proper of Saints.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+RED</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper texts for the Vigil Mass, including Proper Readings and Proper Preface. Sts Peter and Paul are always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>29 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+RED</b>	<b>STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Preface. Sts Peter and Paul are always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, antiphons for Sts Peter & Paul together with Complementary Psalms. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Peter's Pence (Mandatory)
<b>30 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 13</b> <b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</b> Blessed Philip Powell, a native of Breconshire, was martyred today at Tyburn in 1646.

## JULY 2025

*The Pope's Intention: For formation in discernment.* Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

<b>1 Tuesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 13</b> <b>Herefordshire: St Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Lectionary III.
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<b>2 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 13</b>
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<b>3 THURSDAY</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>ST THOMAS, APOSTLE (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> St Thomas is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>4 Friday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 13</b> <b>St Elizabeth of Portugal</b>
<b>5 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 13</b> <b>St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> Blessed Humphrey Pritchard, a Welshman, was martyred today in 1589. <i>Michael Fewell (July) 2021</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>6 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>7 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 14</b> <i>James Morrissey (Menevia) 2013</i>
<b>8 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 14</b>
<b>9 Wednesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 14</b> <b>St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: I John 5:1-5, Ps 125 R.5; Alleluia II Cor 1:3-4; Jn 12:24-26 <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Martyrs.
<b>10 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 14</b>
<b>11 FRIDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE (FEAST)</b>
<b>12 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 14</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <b>Wales: St John Jones, Priest, Martyr</b> St John Jones, a native of Caernarfonshire, was martyred today in London in 1598.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>13 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Sea Sunday - see <a href="http://www.stellamaris.org.uk">www.stellamaris.org.uk</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Stella Maris (Mandatory)

<b>14 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 15</b> <b>St Camillus de Lellis, Priest</b> <i>Sean Kearney (Cardiff) 2016</i>
<b>15 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>(memorial)</i>
<b>16 Wednesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 15</b> <b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> <i>Mass:</i> Note when preaching on, or bestowing, the Brown Scapular: For official information, rites and catechesis concerning use of this sacramental in Great Britain, see: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/BrownScapular">tinyurl.com/BrownScapular</a>
<b>17 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 15</b>
<b>18 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 15</b>
<b>19 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 15</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <i>John Hipkins (Wrexham) 2010; Michael Hagerty (Cardiff) 2011</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>20 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>21 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 16</b> <b>St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>22 TUESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Readings from the Proper (Lectionary III). A proper Preface is available: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/MagEngPref">tinyurl.com/MagEngPref</a> St Philip Evans and St John Lloyd, priests arrested separately in Glamorganshire, were martyred today at Roath, Cardiff, in 1679.
<b>23 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE (FEAST)</b> Where St John Lloyd or St Philip Evans are celebrated as solemnities, they are kept today using the material in the liturgical books for 23 July. Otherwise they may be kept as a votive celebration on a nearby date which is not impeded.
<b>24 Thursday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 16</b> <b>St Sharbel Makhl f, Priest</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Sir 3:17-24; Ps 14:2-5 R.1; Alleluia Mt 5:3; Mt 19:27-29 <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Pastors.



<b>25 FRIDAY</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>St James, Apostle (Feast)</b> <i>Mass:</i> St James is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>26 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (memorial)</b> <i>Bishop LANGTON D. FOX (6th Bishop of Menevia) 1997;</i> <i>Clive Loosemore (Cardiff) 2005</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>27 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Blessed William Davies was martyred today at Beaumaris Castle in 1593.
<b>28 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 17</b> The Roman Martyrology acknowledges today the death of the bishop St Samson, a pupil of St Illtyd who became Abbot of Dol in Brittany.
<b>29 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (memorial)</b> <i>Mass:</i> The Gospel is always from the Proper (Lectionary III). For liturgical texts, see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/MMLazarus">tinyurl.com/MMLazarus</a>
<b>30 Wednesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 17</b> <b>St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Blessed Edward Powell, a priest born in Wales, was martyred today at Smithfield in 1540.
<b>31 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (memorial)</b>

## AUGUST 2025

**The Pope's Intention: For mutual coexistence.** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

**1 Friday**      **White**      **St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (memorial)**

On 2nd August the plenary indulgence traditionally called the Portiuncula indulgence may be acquired in minor basilicas, shrines and parish churches. Requirements: a devout visit to a church and the recitation there of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed in addition to a sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. This indulgence may be gained only once each year. The visit may be made from noon the previous day to midnight on the day itself.

<b>2 Saturday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 17</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</b>
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Pastors.
<i>or:</i>	<b>W or G</b>	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>
		<i>John Dermody (Menevia) 2008</i>
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>3 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>4 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St John Mary Vianney, Priest (memorial)</b>
		<i>Gerald Chidgey (Cardiff) 2005</i>
<b>5 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 18</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</b>
<b>6 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria.
		<i>Frank Mulvey (Cardiff) 2014</i>
<b>7 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 18</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> St Sixtus is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Cajetan, Priest</b>
<b>8 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Dominic, Priest (memorial)</b>
		<i>Michael O'Donovan (Menevia) 2005</i>
<b>9 SATURDAY</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN), VIRGIN, MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Readings: Hos 2:16-17. 21-22; Ps 44: 11-12. 14-17 R.11a; Alleluia: Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown the Lord has prepared for you from all eternity; Mt 25:1-13
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Martyrs.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>1*0 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>11 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Clare, Virgin (memorial)</b>

<b>12 Tuesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 19 St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</b> <i>Office:</i> In less recent liturgical books, the material for St Jane will be found under 12 December. Blessed Charles Mahoney (or Meehan) OFM was martyred today at Ruthin in 1679.
<b>13 Wednesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 19 Sts Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</b> <i>Deacon Patrick Maloney (Cardiff) 2019</i>
<b>14 Thursday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</b> <i>(memorial)</i> <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Martyrs.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper texts for the Vigil Mass, including Proper Readings. Proper Preface.
<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>		
<b>15 FRIDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Preface. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, antiphons for the Assumption together with Complementary Psalms. When a Solemnity falls on a Friday, abstinence from meat need not be observed.
<b>16 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green White W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 19 St Stephen of Hungary Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <i>Deacon Noel Williams (Cardiff) 2014</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>17 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>18 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 20</b> <i>Patrick Daly (Menevia) 2010</i>
<b>19 Tuesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 20 St John Eudes, Priest</b>
<b>20 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>(memorial)</i>
<b>21 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Pius X, Pope</b> <i>(memorial)</i>

<b>22 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>(memorial)</i> St John Kemble was martyred today in Hereford in 1679.
<b>23 Saturday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 20</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Rose of Lima, Virgin</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>W or G</b>	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <i>Charles David Sansom Lloyd (Wrexham) 2019</i>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>24 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. <i>George McLoughlin (Wrexham) 2014</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <i>in Wrexham only</i> – Poor Parishes Fund (Envelopes may be included) (Part of the Diocesan Levy)
<b>25 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 21</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Louis</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Joseph Calasanz, Priest</b> The Roman Martyrology notes the death on this day of St Thomas Cantelupe, Bishop of Hereford, in 1282.
<b>26 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 21</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Wales: St David Lewis, Priest, Martyr</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Herefordshire: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi, Priest</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Lectionary III. <i>Office:</i> Proper Texts at M&EP 1187, DP 322* or DO-III 433*.
<b>27 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Monica</b> <i>(memorial)</i> Blessed Roger Cadwallador was martyred today at Leominster in 1610. St David Lewis was martyred at Usk on this day in 1679. Unofficial website and pilgrimage information: <a href="http://www.friendsofsaintdavidlewis.co.uk">www.friendsofsaintdavidlewis.co.uk</a>
<b>28 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>(memorial)</i>
<b>29 Friday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b> <i>(memorial)</i> <i>Mass:</i> The Gospel is always from the Proper (Lectionary III). St John the Baptist is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I.

<b>30 Saturday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 21</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>W or G</b>	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Herefordshire: St Margaret Clitherow, St Anne Line and St Margaret Ward, Virgin, Martyrs</b>
		Blessed Richard Lloyd (or Flower), from Bangor, was martyred today at Tyburn in 1588.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>31 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C-</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
		<b>ORDINARY TIME - AUTUMN</b>

## SEPTEMBER 2025

**The Cycle of Prayer:** During Ordinary Time (Autumn), *i.e.* from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: The Spread of the Gospel; Students and Teachers; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

**The Pope's Intention: For our relationship with all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

<b>1 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 22</b>
		'Creation Time' runs from 1 September (designated by Pope Francis as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) until 4 October, a period to reflect prayerfully on the gift of God's Creation
<b>2 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 22</b>
<b>3 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
	<i>BUT IN HEREFORDSHIRE</i>	
	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Proper Readings: Lectionary III.
<b>4 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 22</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Herefordshire: St Cuthbert, Bishop</b>
		<i>Daniel Williams (Menevia) 2011</i>
<b>5 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 22</b>
<b>6 Saturday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 22</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>W or G</b>	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>7 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.

<b>8 MONDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (FEAST)</b>
<b>9 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 23</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Peter Claver, Priest</b>
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Pastors.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Blessed Frederic Ozanam (in parishes with an active SVP)</b>
		<i>Deacon John Toole (Wrexham) 2015</i>
<b>10 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 23</b>
<b>11 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 23</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Wales: St Deiniol, Bishop</b>
<b>12 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 23</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
		Today is the anniversary of the installation of the Rt Revd Peter Brignall as Bishop of Wrexham in 2012
BUT IN CARDIFF-MENEVIA ARCHDIOCESE	WHITE	MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY. PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA (FEAST)
		Mass: Gloria. Proper Readings:
<b>13 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+RED</b>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>14 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+RED</b>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
		Education Sunday - prayers are recommended for students and for teachers. See also: <a href="http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk">www.catholiceducation.org.uk</a>
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <i>in Wrexham only</i> – Catholic Education Service (CES) (Part of the Diocesan Levy)
<b>15 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows. Titular of Wrexham Cathedral.</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
		<i>Mass:</i> Optional Sequence ( <i>Stabat Mater</i> ). The Gospel is always from the Proper (Lectionary II 1191).
		<i>Brian Jones (Wrexham) 2010</i>
<b>16 Tuesday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
		<i>Mass:</i> Sts Cornelius and Cyprian are named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.

<b>17 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 24</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>18 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 24</b>
<b>19 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 24</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</b>
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Herefordshire: St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop</b>
<b>20 Saturday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Martyrs.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>21 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b>
		<i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
		Evangelii Gaudium Day: prayers are recommended for the spread of the Gospel.
		At Sunday Masses, the Statistics Count. - I
		Today is the date given by the Roman Martyrology for the commemoration of St Cadoc, the 6th Century Abbot of Llancarfan.
		<i>Rowland Evans (Cardiff) 2002</i>
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – <i>Evangelii Gaudium</i> CBCEW Fund (Mandatory)
<b>22 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 25</b>
<b>23 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
		<i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Gal 2:19-20; Ps 127 R.1; Alleluia verse Lk 21:36; Mt 16:24-27.
		<i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Pastors.
<b>24 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 25</b>
<i>But in Herefordshire</i>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (FEAST)</b>
		<i>Office:</i> The former Memorial of Our Lady of Ransom on this date had only a collect; this is superseded by the Collect of Our Lady of Walsingham, RM 1013.
		<i>Mass:</i> Proper texts may be found at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/OLW24Sep">tinyurl.com/OLW24Sep</a>

<b>25 Thursday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 25</b> <b>Our Lady Star of the Sea (Stella Maris)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper texts may be found at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/StarOfTheSea">tinyurl.com/StarOfTheSea</a> At UK military bases and in ministry to People of the Sea, the observance of Our Lady Star of the Sea should be kept today as a feast. Today is also observed in the secular world as “World Maritime Day” when the International Maritime Organisation draws attention to the importance of maritime safety and marine environment. <i>Michael Burke (Menevia) 2022</i>
<b>26 Friday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 25</b> <b>Sts Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</b> <i>Mass:</i> Sts Cosmas and Damian are named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>27 Saturday</b>  <i>EVENING:</i>	<b>White</b>  <b>+GREEN</b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow’s liturgy.
<b>28 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Harvest Sunday: A Mass may be offered in thanksgiving for the Harvest, unless local custom is to do this on another weekend in this season. Prayers may be offered in thanksgiving for the Harvest, for the Fruits of Human Work, and for the Reverent Use of Creation. At Sunday Masses, the Statistics Count. - II Announce CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
<b>29 MONDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>STs MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</b> <b>(FEAST)</b>
<b>30 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>(memorial)</i>

## OCTOBER 2025

During October, the Rosary should be recommended to the faithful, and its nature and importance explained. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the Rosary in Church, as a family at home, as a religious community, or as a pious fraternity, or in general whenever several persons have gathered for a good purpose; in other circumstances a partial indulgence may be gained.

*The Pope’s Intention:* **For collaboration between different religious traditions.** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

<b>1 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> ( <i>memorial</i> )
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<b>2 Thursday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Mass:</i> The Gospel is always from the Proper (Lectionary III).
<b>3 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 26</b> CAFOD Family Fast Day (Harvest)
<b>4 Saturday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>5 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. At Sunday Masses, the Statistics Count. – III 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD) (Recommended)
<b>6 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 27</b> <b>St Bruno, Priest</b> <i>Sylvester O'Donnell (Menevia) 2011</i>
<b>7 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Mass:</i> Note when preaching on the Rosary: For official information on the Rosary Confraternity in Great Britain, see: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/GBRosaryC">tinyurl.com/GBRosaryC</a> <i>David Eccleshare (Wrexham) 2021</i>
<b>8 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 27</b>
<b>9 THURSDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST (FEAST)</b> <i>Office:</i> Proper Texts can be found at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/BdNewman">tinyurl.com/BdNewman</a> <i>Deacon John Mullin (Cardiff) 2021</i>
<b>10 Friday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b> <b>White</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 27</b> <b>St Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs</b> <b>St John Leonardi, Priest</b> <b>Herefordshire: St Paulinus of York, Bishop</b>
<b>11 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 27</b> <b>St John XXIII, Pope</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>12 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. The start of the Week of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents - see <a href="http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk">www.prisonadvice.org.uk</a> At Sunday Masses, the Statistics Count. - IV <i>James (Seamus) Cunnane (Menevia) 2021</i>

<b>13 Monday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 28</b> <b>Herefordshire: St Edward the Confessor</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Lectionary III. <i>Office:</i> Proper Texts at M&EP 1189, DP 324* or DO-III 437*.
<b>14 Tuesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 28</b> <b>St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</b> <i>Philip Webb (Wrexham) 2009; David Bottrill (Menevia) 2017</i>
<b>15 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Peter Flanagan (Menevia) 2007</i>
<b>16 Thursday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b> <b>White</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 28</b> <b>St Hedwig, Religious</b> <b>St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</b> <b>Wales: St Richard Gwyn, Schoolmaster, Martyr</b>
<b>17 Friday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Mass:</i> St Ignatius is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I. St Richard Gwyn was martyred today at Wrexham in 1584.
Possible note for parish bulletins: clocks go back for the end of British Summer Time next weekend.		
<b>18 SATURDAY</b>  <i>EVENING:</i>	<b>RED</b>  <b>+GREEN</b>	<b>ST LUKE, EVANGELIST (FEAST)</b> <b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>19 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. World Mission Sunday: A Mass may be offered for "The Evangelisation of Peoples" and proper attention should be given in the Prayer of the Faithful. See <a href="http://www.missio.org.uk">www.missio.org.uk</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Missions (Missio) (Mandatory).
<b>20 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 29</b>
<b>21 Tuesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 29</b>
<b>22 Wednesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 29</b> <b>St John Paul II, Pope</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Texts can be found at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/JP2texts">tinyurl.com/JP2texts</a> – the Readings for Mass are Is 52:7-10; Ps 95:1-3, 7-8, 10. R.3 Alleluia: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Jn 21:15-17.

<b>23 Thursday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 29</b> <b>St John of Capestrano, Priest</b>
<b>24 Friday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 29</b> <b>St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</b>
<b>25 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>BUT IN WALES</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b>  <b>RED</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 29</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>  <b>THE SIX WELSH MARTYRS AND THEIR COMPANIONS (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. <i>Office:</i> Proper Texts at M&EP 1190, DP 324* or DO-III 439*. <i>Archbishop FRANCIS MOSTYN (1st Bishop of Menevia, 2nd Archbishop of Cardiff) 1939</i>

When the anniversary of the consecration of a Church is unknown, the Dedication Festival may be kept today, October 25th, or on the nearest Sunday. Also: Clocks go back for the end of British Summer Time tonight.

**PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C**

<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>26 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.
<b>27 Monday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 30</b>
<b>28 TUESDAY</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>STS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Sts Simon and Jude are named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<b>29 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 30</b>
<b>30 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 30</b>
<b>31 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 30</b>

**NOVEMBER 2025**

*The Pope's Intention: For the prevention of suicide.* Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

<b>1 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 30</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> <b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

**2 SUNDAY**      **+WHITE**      **ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)**  
*Mass:* Gloria. Creed.  
*Office:* At Prayer During the Day, antiphons for All Saints together with Complementary Psalms.  
 The Roman Martyrology acknowledges today the death of St Winefride, whose feast day is kept tomorrow in both Wales and in England.  
*Donal Gillespie (Cardiff) 2014; Michael Ronan (Cardiff) 2020*

A plenary indulgence, applicable to all the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) on one of the days from 1-8 November visit devoutly a cemetery or simply pray mentally for the dead; (2) on All Souls' Day visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead; (2) recite devoutly Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation 'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...'

**3 MONDAY**      **P/BLACK**      **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**  
*Mass:* Each Priest may celebrate three masses, only one of which may carry a stipended intention. The second mass must be offered for all the Faithful Departed and the third for the Holy Father's intentions.  
 For the rite of visiting a cemetery on All Souls' Day, see pages 649-655 of the *Book of Blessings*.  
*Michael Cronin (Cardiff) 2018*

**4 Tuesday**      **White**      **St Charles Borromeo, Bishop** (*memorial*)  
*Deacon Patrick Byrne (Wrexham) 2002*

**5 Wednesday**      **Green**      **Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 31**

**6 Thursday**      **Green**      **Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 31**  
*or:*      **White**      **Wales: St Illtud, Abbot**

**7 Friday**      **Green**      **Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 31**  
*or:*      **White**      **Herefordshire: St Willibrord, Bishop**

*BUT IN WREXHAM DIOCESE*

**WHITE**      **DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH (FEAST)**  
*Mass:* Gloria. Preface of the Dedication of a Church.  
*Office:* At Prayer During the Day, antiphons and psalms of the occurring weekday.  
*Peter Wilkie (Wrexham) 2016*

**8 Saturday**      **Green**      **Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 31**  
*or:*      **W or G**      **Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**

*BUT IN WALES*

**WHITE**      **ALL SAINTS OF WALES (FEAST)**  
*Mass:* Gloria. Proper Text at RM 1052; Preface and Readings as for All Saints (1 November).  
*Office:* The Proper for Wales contains only a Proper

		Collect; consider using the Collect at RM 1052.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>9 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (FEAST)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Preface. One Mass "For the Dead of War" (Purple/Black) is permitted for Remembrance Sunday.
<b>10 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>(memorial)</i>
<b>11 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</b> <i>(memorial)</i> <i>Bishop JOHN CUTHBERT HEDLEY O.S.B. (2nd Bishop of Newport and Menevia, then of the redefined Diocese of Newport) 1915; Gerald Cullen (Cardiff) 2015</i>
<b>12 Wednesday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</b> <i>(memorial)</i> <i>Ambrose Walsh (Cardiff) 2020</i>
<b>13 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 32</b> <i>Thomas Brennan (Cardiff) 2000</i>
<b>14 Friday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 32</b> <b>Wales: St Dyfrig, Bishop</b> <i>William Daly (Menevia) 2003; Philip Dwyer (Cardiff) 2011</i>
<b>15 Saturday</b> <i>or:</i>  <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>  <b>W or G</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 32</b> <b>St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b> The Roman Martyrology notes the death today of St Malo, a 6th Century bishop from Wales who became abbot of a monastery in Brittany.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b>
<b>WORLD DAY OF THE POOR –</b>		<b>33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <b>PAPAL MESSAGE AT TINYURL.COM/POPEWDPM</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>16 SUNDAY</b> <b>WORLD DAY OF THE POOR –</b>	<b>+GREEN</b>	<b>33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C</b> <b>PAPAL MESSAGE AT TINYURL.COM/POPEWDPM</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. <i>Ieuan Wyn Jones (Cardiff) 2010</i>
<b>17 Monday</b> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i> <i>or:</i> <i>But in Wales</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b> <b>White</b> <b>White</b>  <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 33</b> <b>St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</b> <b>Herefordshire: St Hilda, Abbess</b> <b>Herefordshire: St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop</b>  <b>St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</b>

<b>18 Tuesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>White</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 33</b> <b>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles</b> <i>Mass:</i> The Readings are Proper when this Memorial is observed (Lectionary III). <i>Archbishop JOHN ALOYSIUS MURPHY (4th Archbishop of Cardiff) 1995</i>
<b>19 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 33</b>
<b>20 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 33</b> <i>Thomas Dunne (Cardiff) 2001</i>
<b>21 Friday</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>(memorial)</i>
<b>22 Saturday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</b> <i>(memorial)</i> <i>Mass:</i> St Cecilia is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>PSALTER WEEK 2; SUNDAY READING CYCLE C</b> <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR C (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>23 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR C (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Youth Sunday - see <a href="http://www.nationallyouthsunday.org.uk">www.nationallyouthsunday.org.uk</a> <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, today's antiphons with the Psalms of Sunday Week 1.
<b>24 Monday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</b> <i>(memorial)</i> <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Martyrs.
<b>25 Tuesday</b> <i>or:</i>	<b>Green</b> <b>Red</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 34</b> <b>St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</b> <i>Mass:</i> Optional Readings: Apoc 21:5-7; Ps 123: 2-5, 7-8 R.7; Alleluia: [We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord;] the noble army of martyrs praise you, O Lord. Mt 10:28-33. <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Virgins or Common of Martyrs.
<b>26 Wednesday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 34</b>
<b>27 Thursday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 34</b> <i>Edmund Mullins (Menevia) 2019</i>
<b>28 Friday</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 34</b> <i>John Kenneth Hughes (Menevia) 2003; J.H.Volan Evans (Cardiff) 2005; Richard Edwards (Wrexham) 2010; Owen McGreal (Menevia) 2023</i>

**29 Saturday**      **Green**      **Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year I, Week 34**  
*or:*                    **W or G**      **Votive Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**

### ADVENT 2025

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered: and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. The playing of the organ and other musical instruments, and the decoration of the altar with flowers, should be done in a moderate manner, as is consonant with the character of the season, without anticipating the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of matrimony. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs or a Votive Mass be celebrated. Daily Masses for the Dead are not allowed.

For the rite of blessing an Advent Wreath at Mass, Evening Prayer or a Liturgy of the Word, see page 573-582 of the *Book of Blessings*.

**The Cycle of Prayer:** During Advent and Christmastide, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

### PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE A

*EVENING:*      **+PURPLE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Mass & Office:* see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.

**30 SUNDAY**      **+PURPLE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Mass:* Creed. Advent Preface I.

## DECEMBER 2025

**The Pope's Intention: For Christians in areas of conflict.** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

**1 Monday**      **Purple**      **1st Week of Advent**  
*Mass:* Advent Preface I.  
*Dewi Davies (Cardiff) 2007*

**2 Tuesday**      **Purple**      **1st Week of Advent**  
*Mass:* Advent Preface I.  
*Bonaventure Welsford (Menevia) 2000*

**3 Wednesday**      **White**      **St Francis Xavier, Priest (memorial)**  
 Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees.

**4 Thursday**      **Purple**      **1st Week of Advent**  
*Mass:* Advent Preface I.  
*or:*                    **White**      **St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**5 Friday**      **Purple**      **1st Week of Advent**  
*Mass:* Advent Preface I.  
*Peter Kelly (Menevia) 2019*

<b>6 Saturday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>1st Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Nicholas, Bishop</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when St Nicholas is kept).
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>7 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Advent Preface I.
<b>8 MONDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Proper Preface of the Solemnity. <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, proper antiphons and the Complementary Psalms.
<b>9 Tuesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when St Juan Diego is kept). <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of Holy Men.
<b>10 Wednesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Our Lady of Loreto</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when Our Lady of Loreto is kept).
<i>or:</i>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Wales: St John Roberts, Priest, Martyr</b> St John Roberts, a native of Merionethshire, was martyred today, at Tyburn, in 1610.
<b>11 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>St Damasus I, Pope</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when St Damasus is kept).
<b>12 Friday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<i>or:</i>	<b>White</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when Our Lady of Guadalupe is kept). <i>Office:</i> A recent addition to the Breviary - use texts from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary. <i>John Owen (Cardiff) 2018</i>

Less recent liturgical books will indicate a celebration of St Jane Frances de Chantal on this date - her observance is now permanently transferred to 12 August.



<b>13 Saturday</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> ( <i>memorial</i> ) <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I (even when St Lucy is kept). St Lucy is named in the extended text of Eucharistic Prayer I.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 3; SUNDAY READING CYCLE A</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+ROSE/P</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)</b> <i>Mass &amp; Office:</i> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.
<b>14 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+ROSE/P</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Advent Preface I. The Advent moderation in the use of organ, other musical instruments, and flowers, does not apply to <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday.
<b>15 Monday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<b>16 Tuesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Advent Preface I.
<p>At Mass, proper readings are given for the weekdays from 17-24 December, and these should be used instead of those indicated for the weekdays of the third week of Advent. The Divine Office uses the Antiphons, and hymns for Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and the Office of Readings, as prescribed for Advent II. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs be celebrated. Votive Masses and Daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited. Memorials which occur on days between 17 and 31 December are optional; if kept, they are to be commemorated at Mass by using the collect of the saint in place of the collect of the Mass of the day. At the Office of Readings, the proper reading of a Commemoration, with its antiphon, is used following the Second Reading of the Season; at Morning and Evening Prayer, the Gospel Antiphon and Closing Prayer of the Commemoration are recited after the closing prayer of the day.</p>		
<b>17 Wednesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 17, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 17.
<b>18 Thursday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 18, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 18.
<b>19 Friday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 19, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 19.

<b>20 Saturday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 20, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 3rd Week of Advent with special material for December 20.
		<b>PSALTER WEEK 4; SUNDAY READING CYCLE A</b>
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 4th Sunday of Advent with special material for December 20.
<b>21 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+PURPLE</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Mass:</i> Creed. Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 4th Sunday of Advent with special material for December 21. Expectant Mothers' Sunday: prayer is recommended for expectant mothers. A formal blessing for expectant parents, text revised in 2012, is available at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/blessXM">tinyurl.com/blessXM</a> <i>Deacon Iain Cameron (Wrexham) 2022</i>
<b>22 Monday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>4th Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 22, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 4th Week of Advent with special material for December 22.
<b>23 Tuesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>4th Week of Advent; optionally, as a Commemoration, St John of Kanty, Priest</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 23, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 4th Week of Advent with special material for December 23.
<b>24 Wednesday</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>4th Week of Advent</b> <i>Mass:</i> Proper Mass for December 24, with Advent Preface II. <i>Office:</i> 4th Week of Advent with special material for December 24. <i>John Fahy (Cardiff) 2008</i>

#### CHRISTMASTIDE

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, there is no more ancient feastday for the Church than the recalling of the memory of the Nativity of the Lord and of the mysteries of his first appearing. This is the purpose of Christmas Time. For the rite of blessing a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene at Mass or during a carol service, see pages 583-591 of the *Book of Blessings*. The rite of blessing a Christmas Tree is on pages 593-600.

**The Cycle of Prayer:** Christmastide continues the themes begun in Advent: Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<p><b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY) - CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b></p> <p><b>Mass:</b> The Vigil Mass of the Nativity has its own Proper Readings in the Lectionary. Gloria, Creed, and, if using Eucharistic Prayer I, special insertions for Christmas. Note genuflection during the Creed when the Incarnation is mentioned.</p> <p>Text for the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ from the Roman Martyrology can be found at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/BirthChant">tinyurl.com/BirthChant</a> – this may be chanted as part of the Liturgy of the Hours on the evening of 24 December, or immediately before (not during) Midnight Mass.</p> <p><b>Office:</b> It is very appropriate to keep a solemn vigil by celebrating the Office of Readings before Midnight Mass. Night Prayer is not recited by those who attend the Office of Readings and Midnight Mass; otherwise, Night Prayer I of Sundays and Solemnities is celebrated.</p>
<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>		
<b>25 THURSDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<p><b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (SOLEMNITY) - CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p> <p><b>Mass:</b> The Readings may be interchanged from the formulae provided for Mass at Midnight, at Dawn, and During the Day. Gloria, Creed, and Christmas inserts for Eucharistic Prayer I. Note genuflection during the Creed when the Incarnation is mentioned.</p> <p>All priests may celebrate three (stipended) Masses today on condition that they are celebrated at the proper times (Midnight, Dawn and Day).</p> <p><b>Office:</b> Night Prayer II of Sundays and Solemnities is said.</p> <p><i>Denis Torney (Cardiff) 2007</i></p>
<b>26 FRIDAY</b>	<b>RED</b>	<p><b>ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR (FEAST)</b></p> <p><b>Mass:</b> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used. St Stephen is always named in the text of Eucharistic Prayer I.</p> <p><b>Office:</b> At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday. Evening Prayer is of December 26 in the Octave of Christmas.</p> <p><i>John Meredith (Cardiff) 2013</i></p>
<b>27 SATURDAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<p><b>ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (FEAST)</b></p> <p><b>Mass:</b> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.</p> <p><b>Office:</b> Evening Prayer I of the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p>
<b>PSALTER WEEK 1; SUNDAY READING CYCLE A</b>		
<i>EVENING:</i>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<p><b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (FEAST)</b></p> <p><b>Mass &amp; Office:</b> see directions for tomorrow's liturgy.</p>

<b>28 SUNDAY</b>	<b>+WHITE</b>	<p><b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (FEAST)</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.  <i>Office:</i> Evening Prayer II of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  <i>Vincent Daly (Wrexham) 2005; John O'Regan (Cardiff) 2016</i></p>
<b>29 Monday</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.  <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday. Evening Prayer is of December 29 in the Octave of Christmas.</p>
	<i>BUT IN HEREFORDSHIRE</i> <b>RED</b>	<p><b>ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR, PATRON OF THE PASTORAL CLERGY OF ENGLAND AND WALES (FEAST)</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used. Proper Readings at Lectionary II 819.  <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday.  <i>Michael Martin (Cardiff) 2001</i></p>
<b>30 Tuesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.  <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday. Evening Prayer is of December 30 in the Octave of Christmas.</p>
<b>31 Wednesday</b>	<b>White</b>	<p><b>Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas; optionally, as a Commemoration, St Sylvester I, Pope</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Preface I-III of the Nativity of the Lord. Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used.  <i>Office:</i> At Prayer During the Day, psalms of the occurring weekday.  A plenary indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for devoutly assisting at the recitation or solemn singing, in a church or oratory, of the hymn, <i>Te Deum</i>, in thanksgiving for all the benefits received in the course of the last year.  <i>Marshall Gibbs (Cardiff) 2004</i></p>
	<i>EVENING:</i> <b>WHITE</b>	<p><b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (SOLEMNITY)</b>  <i>Mass:</i> Gloria. Creed.</p>

**JANUARY 2026**

*The Pope's Intention:* To be announced in or around February 2025.

**1 THURSDAY    WHITE**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
(SOLEMNITY)**

*Mass:* Gloria. Creed. Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (“on the Solemnity of the Motherhood...”). Special inserts for Christmas if Eucharistic Prayer I is used. A plenary indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for the devout recitation in a church or oratory of the hymn, *Veni Creator*, imploring divine aid for the course of the New Year.